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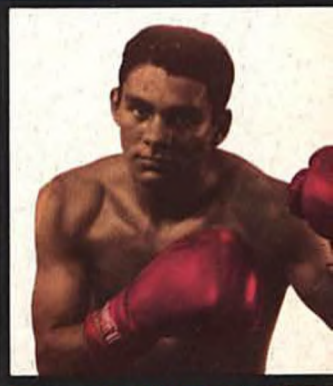

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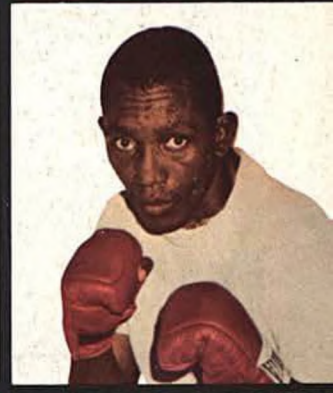

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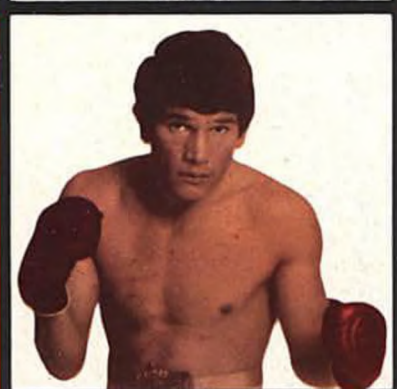

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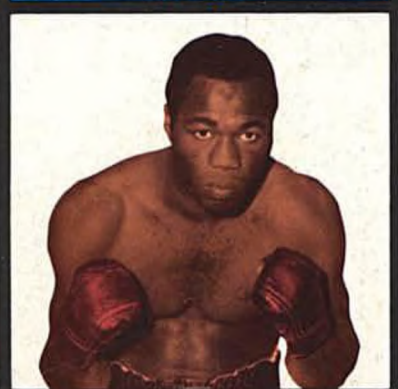

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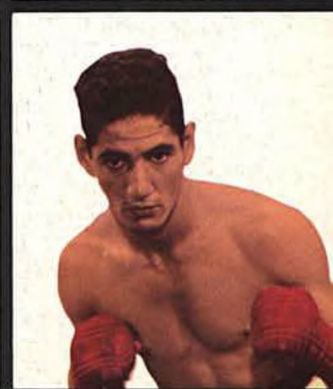

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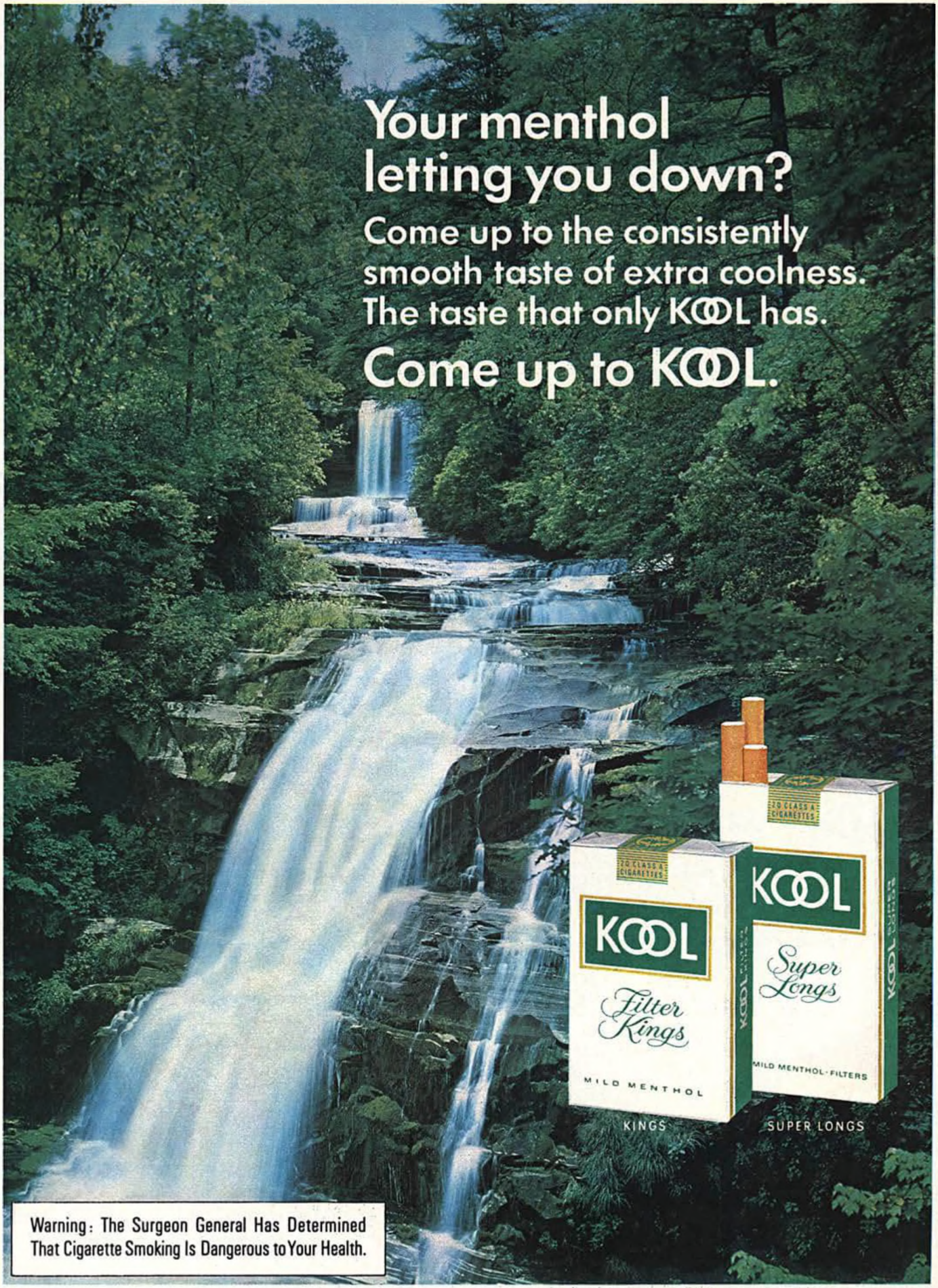

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EDITORIAL AS I SEE IT

by NAT LOUBET Editor AND Publisher of

The RING

GENTLEMEN, (and lady fans, too) welcome Wilfredo Benitez, of Puerto Rico, the new world junior welterweight champion, exit Antonio Cervantes.

Cervantes was an overwhelming favorite over Benitez recently when they met on Wilfredo's home ground.

Cervantes came to Puerto Rico for a byplay leading to supposedly much bigger action. But, especially in the ring, you never can tell, as even the great Joe Louis discovered when he came so close to losing his title to Billy Conn, and Max Baer lost his world title to Jimmy Braddock.

The Benitez who faced Cervantes was unrated among the world's top junior welters. In the American ratings he was no better than No. 7 among the lightweights.

The defeat of Cervantes must be regarded as the outstanding upset of the past year in world boxing.

The writer believes the Puerto Rican's victory to be more amazing than the surprise scored by Britain's John Stracey over the hitherto indomitable Jose Napoles as welter champion.

Napoles was regarded a comfortable favorite over Stracey. But those in the know were aware of the fact that Jose had been slipping dangerously and had been taking in a lot more of the easy life than was anywhere near permissible for a champion.

Rumor in Mexico had it that if Stracey could hit well enough to jolt the ageing Jose there might be a new world title holder.

As it turned out, Stracey could hit well enough to batter the sinking champion cruelly, and Jose Napoles fell from his pedestal unceremoniously.

Cervantes, on the other hand, was no ageing veteran. He went to Puerto Rico rated one of the most formidable punchers in the world. One of his recent fights brought him no less than $140,000.

Benitez, on the other hand, was supposed to be no better than a workmanlike performer. But behind his seeming lack of high potential lay a well trained, well conditioned, determined young man.

No Napoles, this rather tall scrapper from Colombia. What, then, was the reason for the upset?

Cervantes lost because he rated Benitez far below his true skill. The Cervantes who has been seen tearing out of his corner at the opening bell to give everything he has to bring about an early finish, was not the Cervantes of the fight with Benitez.

Those close to Cervantes in Colombia say that by nature Tony is lazy.

It would seem that for a lazy fighter to win a world title is something more than a genuine feat. But now and then it does happen. If Tony really is lazy he has learned his lesson.

Cervantes, no longer a champion, still is a great fighter. He clamors for revenge and if he lands the rematch I will look for Benitez to be even tougher than he was in gaining the title. By the same token I would expect Tony to be a more formidable fighter than he was in losing the title.

The defeat of Cervantes plays up one of the basic reasons for the hold boxing has on the virile man.

It also explains the differences between fighters; for example, between Cervantes and Muhammad Ali.

Taking liberties with a rival of lesser repute is one of the indulgences which the wise champion does not allow himself.

Who ever figured that the comparatively untutored Firpo would punch the one and only Jack Dempsey out of the Polo Grounds ring?

Who ever figured that the unskilled Carnera would stop Jack Sharkey and take the world title from him?

Who foresaw Baer's decking Primo eleven times in eleven rounds? Who predicted Floyd Patterson's KO of Archie Moore in five rounds, even making allowances for Moore's age?

In short, when two fighters get into the ring, be they big or small, take nothing for granted.

I'm The Greatest-- But I've Fought Great Ones Too!

By MUHAMMAD ALI

Muhammad Ali talks about the toughest opponents he's faced in his colorful ring career.

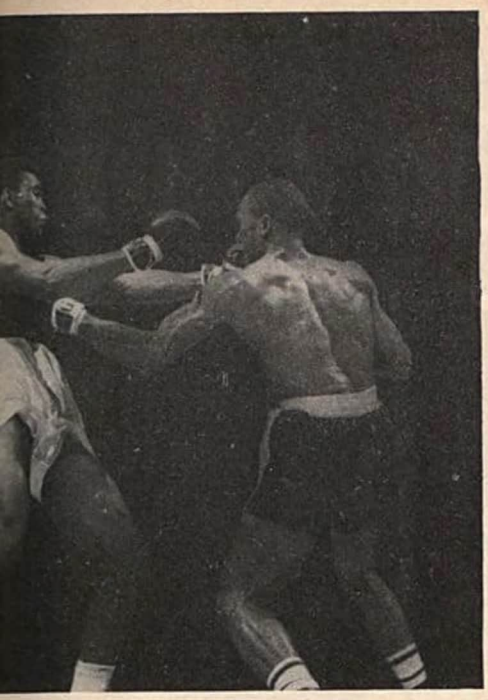
I THINK everyone now believes that I'm really the greatest of all time. I've been telling them that right along and they finally became believers.

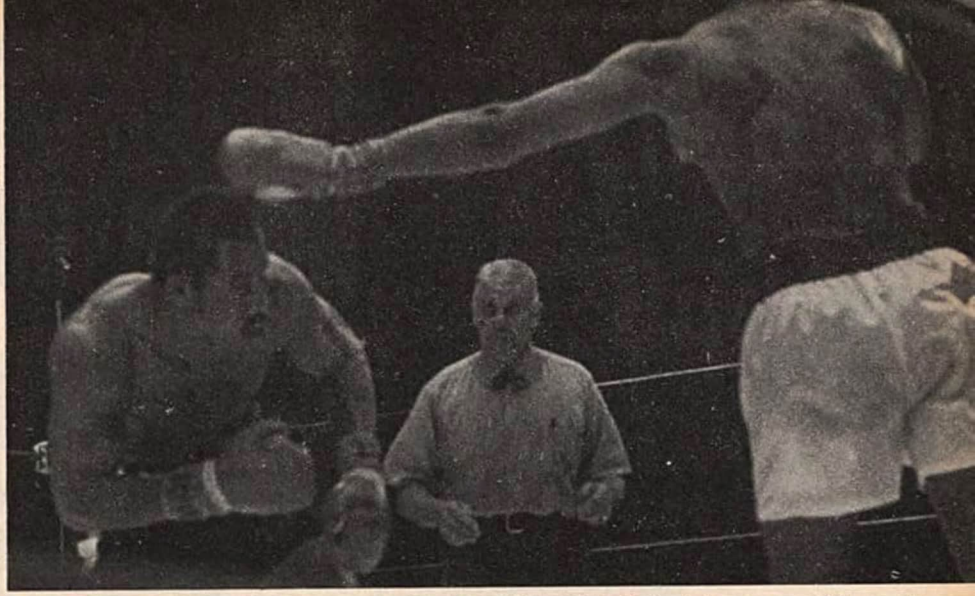
One thing for sure—today's Muhammad Ali would beat Cassius Clay. I'm too smart now. Too experienced. But I would have had a tough time with the young me.

On a scale from 1 to 10, I'll try to rate my performance in some of my toughest fights, as well as my opponent. Everybody fights harder against me and I fought some great ones.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1975—Joe Frazier, Manila ..... KO 14
Ali-10 . . . Frazier-9
JANUARY 28, 1974—Joe Frazier, New York ..... W 12
Ali-9 . . . . Frazier-8
MARCH 8, 1971—Joe Frazier, New York ..... L 15
Ali-8 . . . . Frazier-10

Frazier always has given me tough fights. The fight in Manila was my toughest physically. People say it was the greatest heavyweight fight in history.





(Left) Ali vs. Doug Jones, New York, March 13, 1963. Ali, left, beat Jones over 10 rounds, but most of the fans present that night had come to see Jones shut the mouth of the "Louisville Lip." (Above) Ali-vs Ken Norton. Facing one another twice, Norton, left, won the first match on March 31, 1973, while Ali, right, won the second on September 10, 1973, over 12 rounds. Ali calls Norton, "A big, strong and smart fighter."

In our second fight, I had to even the score. I might have had Joe out in the second round, but the ref thought he heard the bell and sent me to my corner. I fought a smart fight, and had to.

Our first fight, which I still feel I should've won, Frazier fought a great fight. He gave more than 100%. I was still a little rusty from the three and half year layoff. I gave away too many rounds. Joe will go down as one of the greatest in history.

MARCH 31, 1973—Ken Norton, San Diego ..... L 12
Ali-7 . . . . Norton-9

SEPTEMBER 10, 1973—Ken Norton, Los Angeles .... W 12
Ali-9 . . . . Norton-9

Ken Norton is a big, strong and smart fighter. He's scientific. Not as scientific as me, but then, nobody is. I took the first fight with him too lightly. He broke my jaw early in the fight but I think I did enough to win, even though they didn't see it that way.

In the second fight, I got into good shape. Came in at 210. I won the first five rounds easy, but Norton kept the pressure on and won the next five.

I came back in the eleventh and knowing it was close, somehow found the strength to have a big final round. It won the split decision for me.

Norton's the toughest fight I can take right now, but if that's what the fans and the promoters want, we'll give it to them.

OCTOBER 30, 1974—George Foreman, Kinshasa ..... KO 8
Ali-9½ Foreman-7

Nobody would listen to me. I said that Foreman had nothing to beat me with. I said he'd be in trouble when the referee called, "round six—round seven—round eight."

I said his punches were too wide to beat me. After the first round, I knew he'd tire if I kept movin. I let him use his strength to work against himself.

It was one of my smartest fights. Someday we might prove to George that it wasn't a fluke.

MARCH 13, 1963—Doug Jones, New York ..... W 10
Ali-8 . . . . Jones-8

I was really gettin big now. Predictin rounds and popping off. A few months earl-

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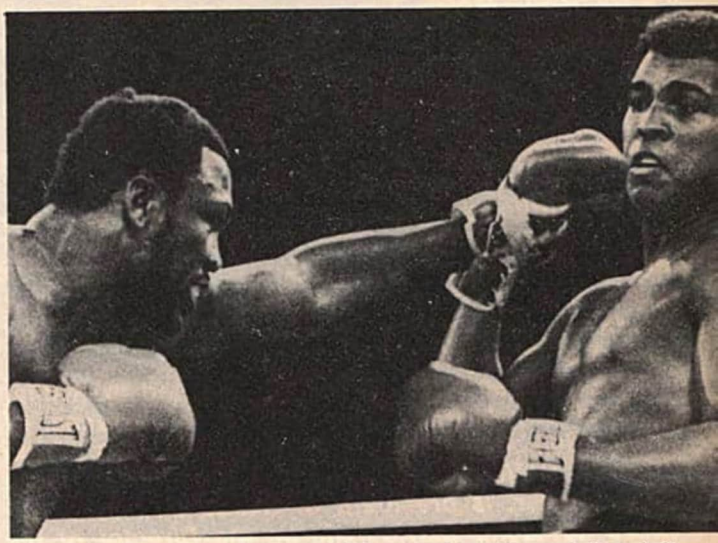
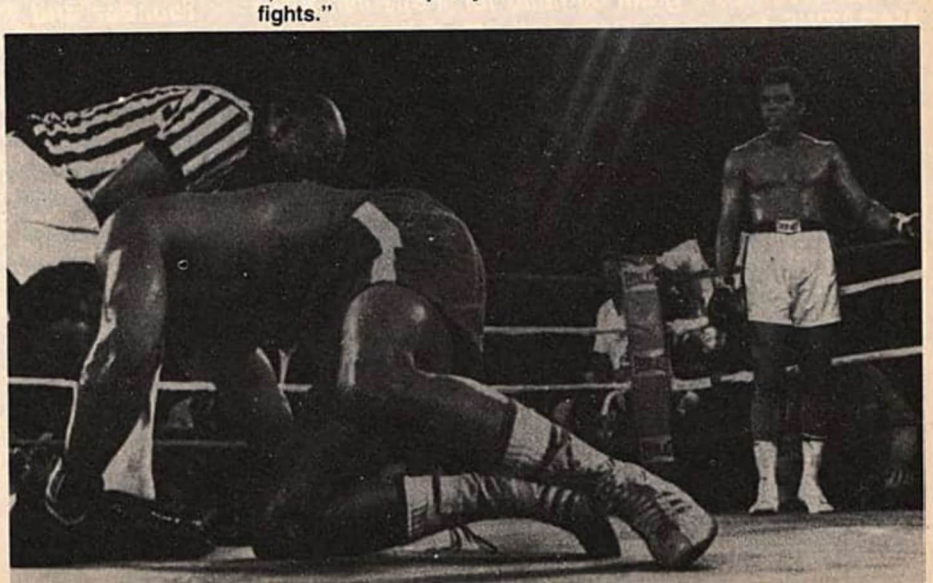


(Above) Ali vs. Joe Frazier. Muhammad, right, and Joe, left, squared off against one another three times over four years, with a KO in 14 and a win in 12 to Ali's credit, and a win in 12 to Frazier's. Of Frazier Ali says, "Joe will go down as one of the greatest in history." (Below) Ali vs. George Foreman, Kinshasa, October 30, 1974. Ali, rear, KO'd Foreman, foreground, in round 8, and the champ says of that bout, "It was one of my smartest fights."



The Latin Connection

Venezuelan syndicate takes franchise for Spanish translation of monthly publication which has had powerful influence on the fight game for 54 years.

THE RING MAGAZINE, for 54 years the English language "Bible of Boxing" all over the world, has entered into an agreement that for the first time in its history will make it available to Spanish-speaking enthusiasts—in Spanish.

Nat Loubet, President, Publisher and Editor of the Ring, has announced that he has granted a franchise to Widifa, a company based in Caracas, Venezuela, to publish and market a Spanish edition of the monthly magazine in all Spanish-speaking countries, which, of course, includes Spain, Central and South America and Mexico. Puerto Rico is excluded from the franchise.

THE RING en Español, will be operated by Widifa, a subsidiary of Pratell Enterprises, of Caracas, of which Rambenwal Garcia Peña is Chairman of the Board. Delio Amado Leon, famed Caribbean sportscaster, is president of Widifa and Dr. Francisco Camacho Barrios will be the Director of the magazine. RING MAGAZINE retains all editorial rights, but is permitting cover and advertising changes.

Senor Peña, who negotiated the franchise with RING MAGAZINE, declared:

"We have had a great demand for a Spanish RING MAGAZINE for many years and are delighted to finally accomplish it. There is only one American champion—Muhammad Ali. Few boxing fans realize that eleven current world champions are Spanish speaking—Victor Galindez, of Argentina, WBA light heavyweight champion; Carlos Monzon, of Argentina, WBA middleweight champion; Rodrigo Valdez, of Columbia, WBC middleweight champion; "Angel Espada, of Puerto Rico, WBA welterweight champion; Wilfredo Benitez, of Puerto Rico, WBA Jr. welterweight champion; Roberto Duran, Panama, WBA lightweight champion; Alfredo Escalera, Puerto Rico, WBC Jr. lightweight champion; Alexis Arguello, Nicaragua, WBA featherweight champion; Alfonso Zamora, Mexico, WBA bantamweight champion; Rodolfo Martinez, Mexico, WBC bantamweight champion; and Miguel Canto, Mexico, WBC flyweight champion."

Loubet, who took over as head of RING with the passing of its famed founder, Nat Fleischer, said:

"We have for a long time avoided going into other languages. Even now, 20,000 copies per month are sold in English in Spanish-speaking countries. We must, however, keep up with the times. In the near future we will also have a Spanish edition available here in the U.S. The people from Caracas are outstanding and can only enhance the stature of THE RING."

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DELIO AMADO LEON is the number one sportcaster in the Caribbean and the exclusive commentator and sport analyst of Channel 4 TV in Caracas, Venezuela, as well as of the most powerful Radio Network of that part of the world, Radio Rumbos.

He is the founder of the most successful sport magazine in Central and South America, SPORT GRAFICO, a weekly issue of all sports. He is an active member of the exclusive "Colegio Nacional de Periodistas de Venezuela" (National College of Journalists). Leon promoted boxing and is also founder and President of CARACAS BASKETBALL CLUB, of the Professional Special League of Venezuela. He is also founder and main stockholder of INDUSTRIAS TAMANACO, the pilot industry for Latin America in the making of gloves, bats, shoes and uniforms for Baseball. Delio Amado has been decorated by the Venezuelan Government for his "services to the country" and has received all the awards to the "best in his field" as a sportscaster. Delio Amado Leon has been, along with Buck Canel and Felo Ramirez, men who have broadcast the most fights for world championships in the Spanish speaking world.

RAMBENWAL GARCIA PEÑA is a successful international business man, sports writer, columnist, retired military man. Pratell Enterprises, a Venezuelan

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An historic moment; Delio Amada Leon signs the agreement which grants WIDIFA, a subsidiary of Pratell Enterprises, of Caracas, Venezuela, the right to circulate a Spanish edition of RING MAGAZINE. Nat Loubet, left, Publisher and Editor of RING MAGAZINE, and Rambenwal Garcia Pena, right, negotiator of the franchise, had just finished signing the contract.

By DAN DANIEL

ORGANIZATION of a Spanish version of THE RING MAGAZINE is not entirely the result of recent developments.

Some 25 years ago a publishing company in Ecuador came to the late Nat Fleischer, owner and founder of THE RING, for permission to issue a monthly RING in Spanish.

The deal lagged for more than a year and fell apart when the Ecuador promoters admitted that they could not gather the financial support necessary for publication of THE RING in Spanish.

From time to time many revivals of the proposal to permit issuance of THE RING in Mexico, Spain, South America, Central America and Cuba came up and, because of financial considerations, died.

Reported efforts to revive relations between the United States and Cuba may have entered into the plans of the Spanish RING publishers in Caracas.

It is conceivable that circulation of THE RING in Spanish in Venezuela will not be opposed by Castro even though he bars professional boxing from his island.

It is interesting that Cuba boasts claim to the amateur champion of the world in Theofilo Stevenson, winner of the Olympic Gold Medal in the heavyweight class at Munich.

THE RING long has been influential in shaping boxing policies all over the world.

The magazine also has been foremost in setting up innovations of great importance to the fistic game. Of primary importance have been the setting up of world ratings, American ratings, the organization of the Boxers' Hall of Fame, and now, the information of a RING issue translated into Spanish.

There was a time when Spanish speaking nations were struggling to carry on fistic operations. In 1926 every world champion was an American. Now Muhammad Ali stands alone.

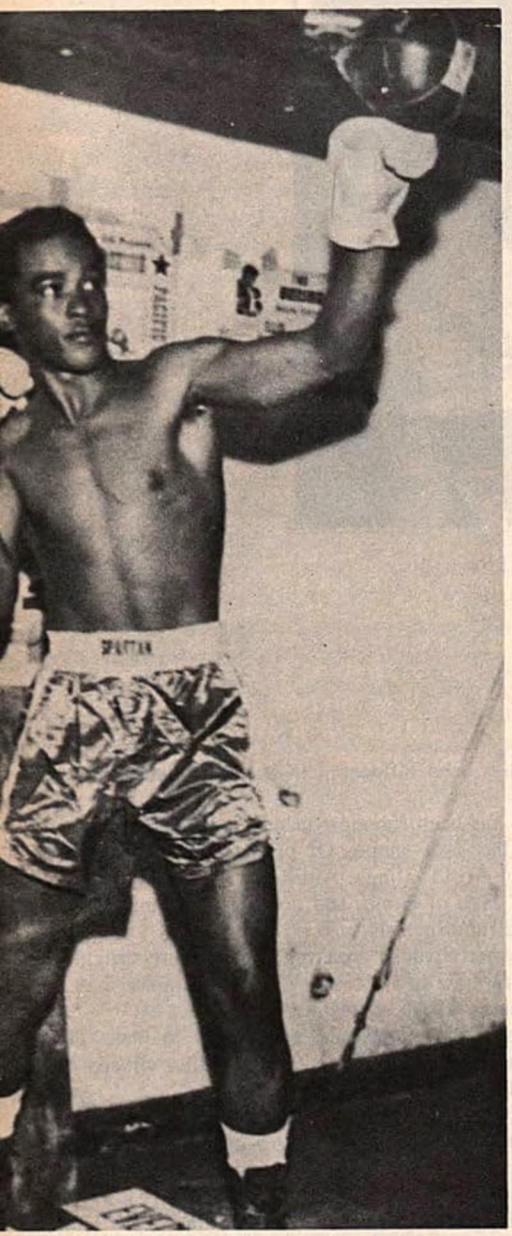
When negotiations with a syndicate in Caracas to have THE RING go Spanish got under way, the magazine's editor already had the idea under consideration.

With the strength of the Spanish edition backing the power of the English edition, many problems bedevelling international boxing may be resolved, especially questions having to do with the WBA and the WBC.

In any event nothing but good can come of the New York-Caracas agreement.

The combined strength of the Spanish and English editions will give the bilingual magazine fresh strength and power which will be used for the best interests of world boxing.

ELISHA OBED; NEXT MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPION?



Elisha, says his trainer Moe Fleischer, is not only a good puncher, but also quick to pick up tips and to remember mistakes when they are pointed out to him.

Elisha Obed, from Nassau, is the WBC Jr. middleweight champion. Here, the 24-year-old fighter holds the trophy he won in Paris, when he beat Miguel de Olivieres for the WBC title.

By DAN DANIEL

MIAMI BEACH, FLA. — Internationally known members of the local professional boxing fraternity Elisha Obed, WBC junior middleweight champion, Moe Fleischer, and Michael Dundee—are working intelligently and with measured effort to make Obed the world's middleweight title holder.

Carlos Monzon, the current middleweight title holder, has not only Obed to worry about if he plans to stick to the championship.

Monzon faces strong enemies and at his age of 34, he has to face the inevitable calendar and a recurring desire to quit the game and indulge in the easy life which marks his fistic tenure.

Obed has going for him the young age of 24, fast acquired skills, fast growing experience, constant condition, and a record of 49 straight victories at career's outset, beating Henry Armstrong's mark of 46 in a row.

Obed's most recent win came at the end of February at Nassau when he beat Tommy Gardner—KO in 2.

Fleischer is a very important member of the Obed camp. He is one of the leading trainers in the fistic world. It was Moe who made a champion out of Kid Chocolate and, at better than 70, he is at the crest of his form as a teacher and guide.

Between Fleischer and Obed there is a father and son relationship.

Michael Dundee is the son of Chris Dundee, veteran promoter of local fights and valued advisor.

Fleischer was considering retirement, but when he spotted Obed he cast aside all notions of quitting and grabbed the chance to take Elisha in hand.

"I am in no hurry with Obed," said Fleischer recently. "Elisha right now could beat the Monzon who stopped Licata in the Garden in New York not so long ago, but I do not want to rush the young man. You know me as a trainer who never has been known to issue exaggerations."

Obed acquired the WBC junior middleweight title by beating a great fighter, Miguel de Olivieres, of Brazil.

"I had Chocolate and predicted that he would be a great champion, and you know how the Cuban made good on my statement.

"You ask me what Obed offers mostly in his battle for the middleweight title," Fleischer continued. "Obed is another Chocolate. Elisha has a terrific left and is murder with a short uppercut which works like a knife. And remember, he is only 24 with 65 fights and no defeats.

"I found Obed four years ago when he was sent to me by Nassau backers.

"Elisha had a contract with certain interests in New York, but it wasn't working out. I worked with him before that contract expired. I am intensely interested in Obed's

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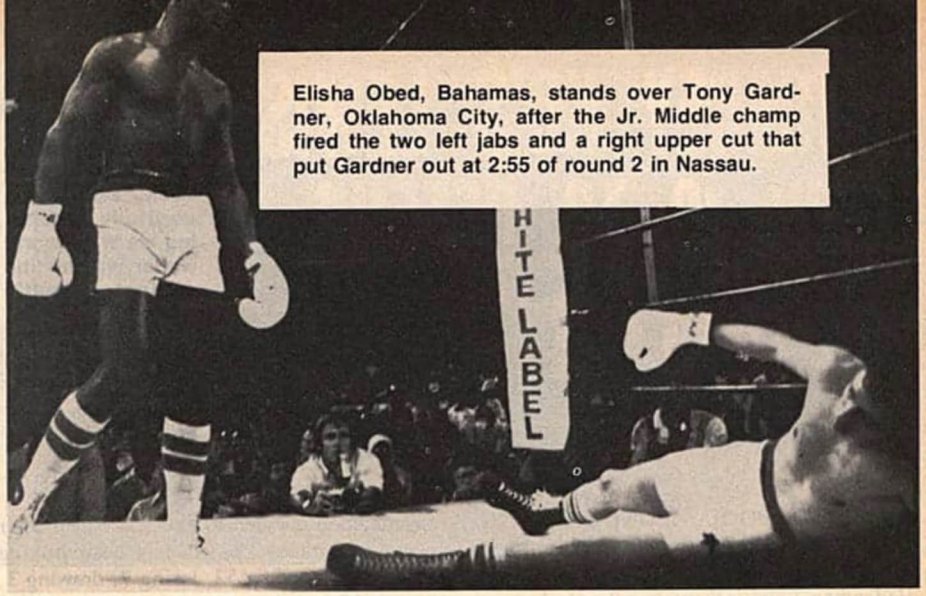
WBC's Obed Defends Jr. Middle Crown

By TOM RAY



Elisha Obed, Bahamas, stands over Tony Gardner, Oklahoma City, after the Jr. Middle champ fired the two left jabs and a right upper cut that put Gardner out at 2:55 of round 2 in Nassau.

NASSAU, BAHAMAS — Elisha Obed, the first Bahamian world boxing champion, made a successful defense of his newly won WBC Jr. middleweight crown when he stopped challenger Tony Gardner, Oklahoma City, at 2:55 of the second round before an estimated crowd of 7,000 at the Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre in Nassau.

The bout marked Obed's first defense of the title he won on an 11th round TKO over then champion Miguel de Oliviera late last year, which ran his record to 65-0-2. Gardner, ranked 10th in the world by the WBC, saw his record slip to 38-6.

A right uppercut, followed by a left jab and looping right to the jaw spelled defeat for the lanky Oklahoman, who fell on his left side near the ropes.

The game challenger made an effort to get up, and at a count of eight he was on his hands and knees, but in his final effort to rise, he lost his balance, falling backward and partially landing on the ring apron.

As has been the case in many recent title fights, there was some controversy as to the nature of the knockout. Upon his arrival in Oklahoma City, Gardner was quoted by an Oklahoma City newspaper as saying he was possibly stunned, not so much by Obed's punches, but from hitting his head after falling to the canvas.

The Gardner camp displayed a rather large bump on the back of the challenger's head as evidence of its claim.

When reached by phone in Miami Beach some days after the contest, Obed's manager Mike Dundee said that although he felt the bump after the fight, he didn't know "How he (Gardner) got it." Dundee added that he felt "The right uppercut, for all intents and purposes, ended the fight."

The real origin of the mystery bump was explained by referee Jay Edison, when contacted at his Florida home. Edison, who claims the referee has the best view of the

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LICATA KNOCKED OUT BY MATEO, FRANCE, IN 8th

By JACK A. TREE

PARIS, FRANCE — 26 year old soldier boy, Jean Mateo, France, scored his eleventh straight win and his twenty-fifth inside the distance from 34 starts, knocking out the rated American Tony Licata (24) in round eight of their scheduled ten rounder.

Only Carlos Monzon and Ramon Mendez had beaten Licata before this Paris date where he was having his 53rd start.

Mateo's body punching was Licata's downfall. In round six a left hook to the jaw decked the American for eight. In the seventh Licata was dropped by a left and right and took another count of eight, this time resting on his knees.

In frame eight, punches to the body sent the American down on his knees, but he was up again at eight. Mateo sent Licata to the canvas a second time in that round with lefts and rights to the ribs to be counted out by referee Paul Tallyrach, France.

Licata was having his first outing since June last year when he was beaten by Carlos Monzon.

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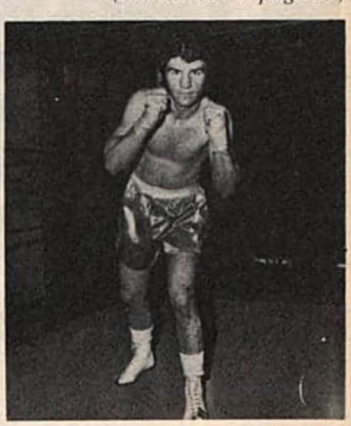
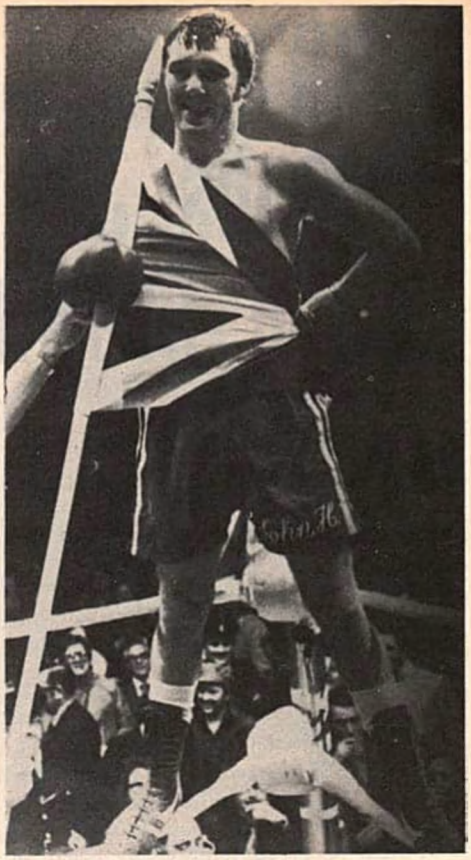


(Left) Tony Licata is counted out by Paul Tallyrach, while Jean Mateo paces in a neutral corner. (Right) Jean Mateo, French middleweight.

STRACEY KO'S LEWIS IN 10 TO DEFEND WELTER TITLE

By RON OLVER



London's John H. Stracey proudly stands on the ropes in his corner, wrapped in a fan's Union Jack, after successfully defending his WBC world welter weight title against Detroit's Hedgemon Lewis, in London. The WBA recognizes Angel Espada, Puerto Rico, as its champion.

EMPIRE POOL, LONDON, ENGLAND—The Union-Jack flys high with John Stracey's ten round TKO over Detroit's Hedgemon Lewis. Stracey, a local chap, retained his world welterweight title in his first defense.

Lewis, 30 years old, looked his age in this contest. Since his last try at the world title, August 3, 1974, when he was kayoed by then champion Jose Napoles in nine, Lewis has engaged in five bouts. He won twice, beating Rafael Rodriguez both times. He lost to Armando Muniz for the U.S. welterweight crown, and drew against Carlos Palomino and Harold Weston.

Hedgemon is the only boxer to get three shots at the title. Some people say it's five. Lewis boxed Napoles twice and Billy Backus, twice. The Backus bouts were for the New York State world welterweight crown, which Lewis won and then lost back to the New York Commission, who forgot he was their champion and gave Napoles back the title, one slow and boring day when they had nothing better to do.

Hedegmon decided to call it a career after losing to Stracey. Lewis has been boxing since 1966, winning 52, losing 7, drawing 3, scoring 26 kayo's, being stopped himself 4 times. Some of Lewis's big wins: Ernie Lopez, Don Cobbs, Raul Rodriguez, Percy Pugh, Billy Backus, Mario Marquez and Johnny Gant.

John Stracey is the first world champion to come out of the British Commonwealth since Scotland's Ken Buchanan. John Conteh, the light heavyweight, is a W.B.C. champ. The last fully recognized world champion to come from England was Randy Turpin, back in 1951.

The 25 year old London born champion has been boxing as a pro since 1969. He was the 1969 ABA light-welterweight champion. He also appeared in the 1968 Olympic Games, losing to Ron Harris of the U.S.A. in the second series. Ironically, Harris is from Detroit, Michigan, and a friend of Hedgemon Lewis. John has a career mark as a pro of 44-3-1, with 36 kayo's. He brought the crown to England on December 6, 1975, when he caused one of the major upsets for 1975, stopping Jose Napoles in six rounds, in Mexico City. His three defeats were to Canada's Marshall Butler, Bobby Arthur, for the British welterweight title and another friend of Hedgemon Lewis's and Detroit's Cuby Top Cat Jackson.

The bout itself was cabled back to the U.S.A. via ABC-TV. It was a one-sided bout with Lewis being on the short end. The only time Hedgemon was in the bout was in

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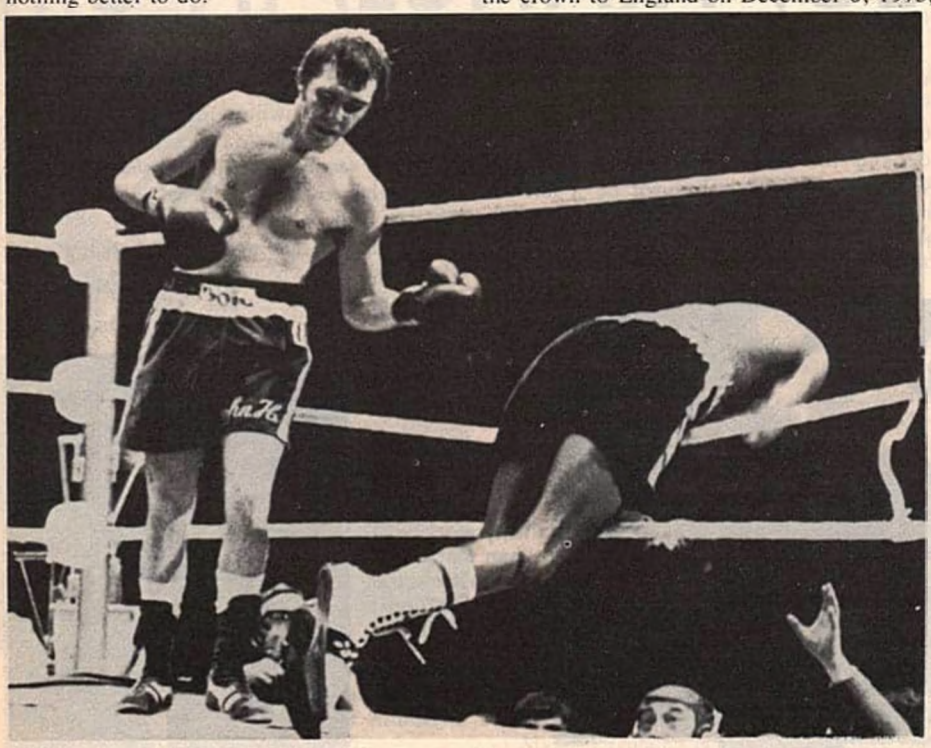

(Above) In-fighting in the first round shows Stracey ducking to avoid a barrage of punches delivered by Lewis. This was Hedgemon's best round, the challenger tiring badly as the fight wore on. (Left) Stracey steps back after hammering Lewis onto the ropes during the ninth round of their title bout. Referee Harry Gibbs stepped in to stop the fight in round ten.

Benitez Takes Jr. Welter Title From Cervantes

Colombia's Antonio "Kid Pambele" Cervantes takes a left to the head from Puerto Rico's Wilfredo Benitez in the early rounds of their WBA junior welterweight title fight in San Juan.

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

HIRAM BITHORN STADIUM — At the tender age of seventeen years and six months Wilfredo Benitez became the youngest fighter on record to win a world title by scoring a decision over Antonio "Kid Pambele" Cervantes, to take the Junior Welter title.

A four to one favorite at fight time, Cervantes, who was recognized by THE RING MAGAZINE as well as W.B.A. as champion, was never able to take the lead during the fight after the first round.

Benitez was always ahead on all official and press score cards, with the possible exception of a most controversial vote by judge Jesus Celis, of Panama, who had the fight 147-145 in favor of Cervantes.

Referee Isaac Herrera, of Venezuela, had a 148-144 vote, while judge Roberto Ramirez had a 142-147 vote. This last vote represented three rounds for Cervantes, four rounds even, and eight rounds for Benitez which was closer to the truth. Most local scribes had Benitez ahead by ten rounds to five.

Nothing much happened in the initial round as both men sparred cautiously at long range. The only blow of consequence was a stiff left jab by Cervantes at the start of the round that caused a bruise below Benitez's right eye. This was the only visible damage suffered by the new titleholder in the fight.

In the second round, Cervantes failed to land one single effective blow. The third and fourth were for Cervantes by hairline margins. He landed fewer punches, but carried more power.

The next four rounds were all for Benitez as Cervantes missed continually his powerhouse hooks. His only effective blows were scored in the form of rabbit punches in the limited exchanges they had at close quarters.

A listless Cervantes showed some improvement in the ninth and tenth heats to raise the spirits of his cohorts. He began to land effectively for the first time and during the early part of the eleventh scored his best blows when he shook Benitez with right hand shots to the head. This, however, proved to be Cervantes' last effective onslaught as Benitez closed the round by outpunching his heavier hitting rival.

"It was at this point that I realized that I had him," said Benitez after the fight.

The round that could have been Cervantes' best turned out to be definite proof that young Benitez could handle the best his veteran rival could dish out. Benitez took this one and was never slowed down from there on.

An over anxious Cervantes continued to show poor coordination in the closing rounds.

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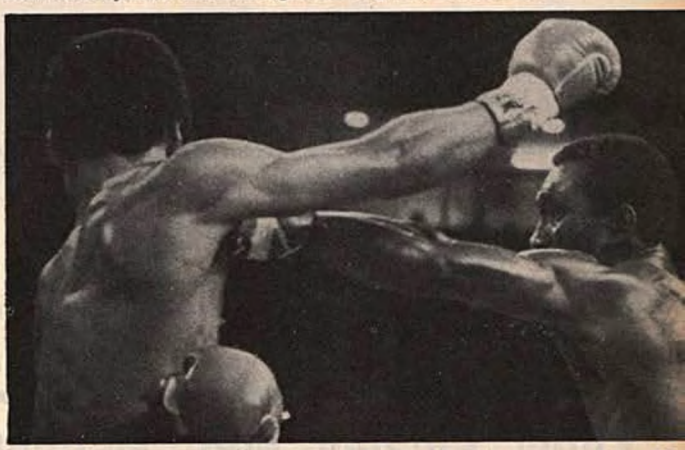

(Above) Cervantes throws a left at Benitez in the course of the 15 round bout which ended with a decision in Benitez's favor. (Below) At 17, Wilfredo Benitez became the youngest man ever to win a world title with his victory over Cervantes.

EUROPEAN CHAMP, COTENA, STOPS SOLLAS

By RON OLVER

Italy's Elio Cotena stands above Britain's number 1 ranked featherweight, Vernon Sollas, Scotland, after a knockout victory in round 14 of their European featherweight championship bout in London.

LONDON, England — York Hall — The plan was clear. British featherweight champion Vernon Sollas, Edinburgh, 126, was to take the European crown from Italian Elio Cotena, 125½, and then meet Ghana's David Kotey at Wembley three months later for the latter's world title.

But Cotena hadn't read the script, or rather he misread it. After 12 rounds Sollas was comfortably in the lead. He was boxing well, and although the durable Italian had started a good rally in the tenth and was keeping up the pressure, Sollas surely had only to keep jabbing and using his superior speed to stay out of trouble.

Then it happened. Round 13, a right to the chin had Sollas shaken, and quite suddenly all the strength seemed to vanish from the British champion's body. Cotena, encouraged by his success, threw punch after punch, and Sollas could only cover up, having little left with which to fight back.

The crowd was making so much noise that neither the boxers nor the referee heard the bell ending the round. Sollas had to take a few more punches before his manager, Bobby Neill, jumped into the ring and literally pushed the referee in an attempt to indicate to him that the round was over.

When referee Jean Deswerts, of Belgium, realized what had happened he indicated that he had not heard the bell, and there was really nothing more that could be done under these circumstances.

Sollas had nothing left, and it came as no surprise when he was punched to his knees, looking towards the crowd over the bottom rope. He managed to get up at nine, only to be subjected to another barrage which put him down again.

It wasn't quite clear what had happened when he rose at eight. Some thought the bout had been stopped, but apparently the referee continued the count, so it was a knockout.

Before the fight Sollas had expressed his confidence in no uncertain terms. The sporting press all contained his prediction, which

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Kotey Retains WBC Feather Crown

By HOWARD WHITE

DAVID (Poison) Kotey, Ghana, retained the W.B.C. featherweight title with a 12 round TKO over Japan's Harugi Uehara, in Accra, Ghana.

Kotey, 126, who now sports a record of 31-1-1, with 18 knockouts, became champion on September 20, 1975. He won a 15 round nod over Mexico's Ruben Olivares at the Forum in Inglewood, California. Prior to that he stopped England's Evan Armstrong in 10 to win the British Commonwealth featherweight crown. The only two bad marks on his record are a 10 round defeat to Australia's Rex Downward, in Sydney, on July 27, 1972, and an 8 round draw against another Ghanian, Freddie Mensah, on June 5, 1971, in Accra.

Harugi Uehara, 125½, has a record of 12-2-1, with three kayo's. His early record is not available. The above mark is from 1973-1975. His biggest claim to fame is a 10 round draw with Trenton, N.J., featherweight Sammy Goss, September 10, 1974; plus a 10 round nod over Panama's Rigoberto Riasco, October 21, 1974. The only other named fighter he fought was Colombia's Hugo Barazza, who kayoed him in 4 rounds, on July 15, 1974. Harugi is the Japanese featherweight champion. He defeated Ushiwakamaru Harada in 10 rounds, March 9, 1975.

The first five rounds of the contest were fast, with Kotey having the edge, scoring with good shots to the body. Uehara, better known as "Flipper," scored with some good punches, but seemed to be outgunned by the Ghanian.

Rounds six and seven were where the Japanese bog gave it a big effort. He pressed the action and tried to land the one big blow to turn the contest around. This was not to

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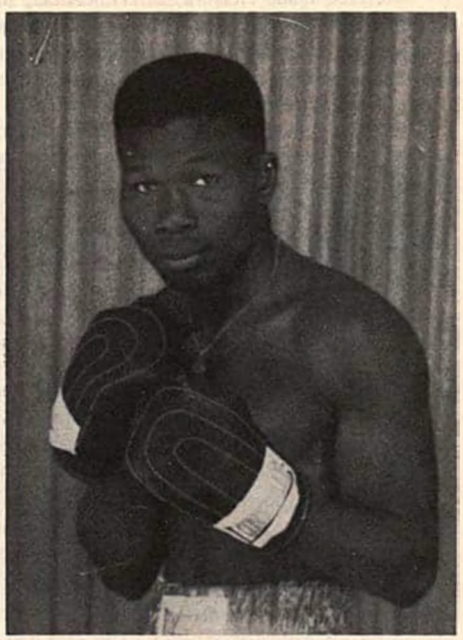

(Above) Ghana's WBC featherweight champion David (Poison) Kotey. (Far left) Flipper Uehara ducks from a blow delivered by David Kotey in the course of their Accra fight. The bout was stopped in the twelfth round to save the Japanese from further punishment.

Chacon Comes Back To Life With KO In 10

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

SAN JOSE, CALIF. — Former WBC featherweight champion Bobby Chacon faced little known but talented Concepcion Martinez, from the Dominican Republic, and won in typical Chacon fashion when the referee halted the fight with Martinez crumbled on the canvas.

Chacon is seeking new victories after losing his title to Ruben Olivares last summer in Los Angeles. The bout against Martinez was a great one as Martinez, effective with his left jab and height advantage, made Chacon use his full talents in order to end up a winner. Promoter Babe Griffin put the show together as part of the Bicentennial celebration for the city of San Jose.

The first three rounds saw both fighters probing one another's defenses. In the fourth round Chacon landed a series of crisp punches that hurt Martinez. From then on a pattern was set of Chacon stalking forward and Martinez circling and moving backwards.

The fighter from the Dominican Republic showed first class talent and heart as he counter-punched with combinations that managed at times to slow up Chacon's aggressive boxing style.

In the eighth round Chacon landed dozens of solid punches that eventually dropped Martinez for the eight count. Even though he was hurt and behind on the scorecards, Martinez fought back without reserve, but Chacon's overall power and boxing finesse finally settled the issue in the last round.

In the tenth Chacon dropped Martinez with a right to the body and a left high on the head.

After an eight count Martinez went down for good from a flurry of punches that seemed to land everywhere with considerable force. Martinez fell to the canvas and referee

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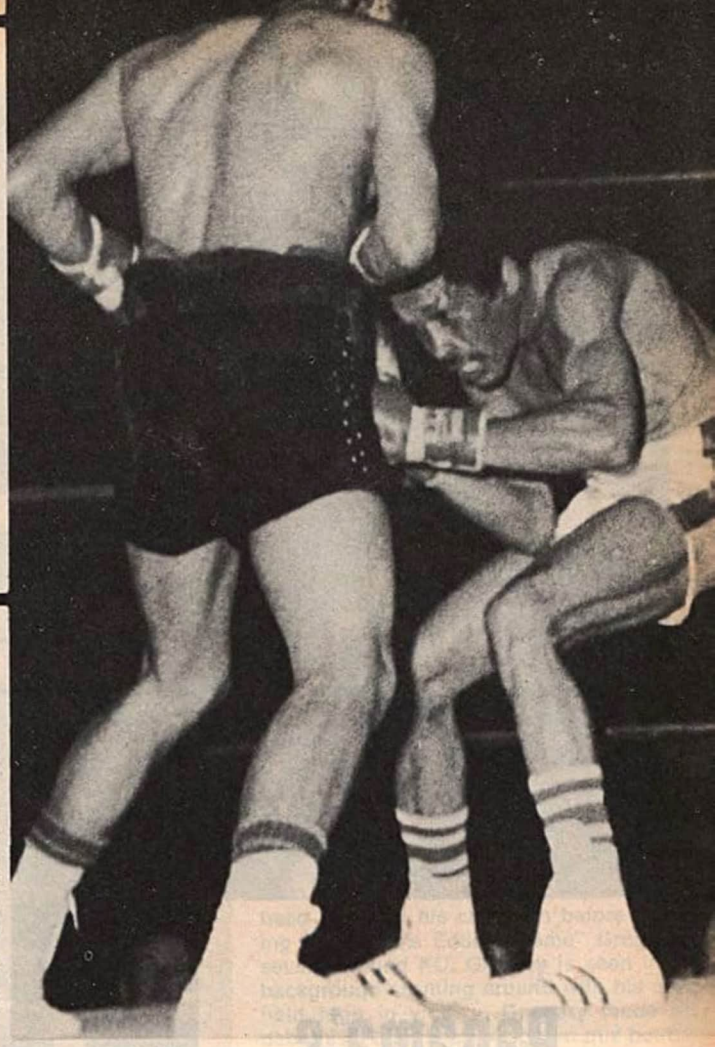
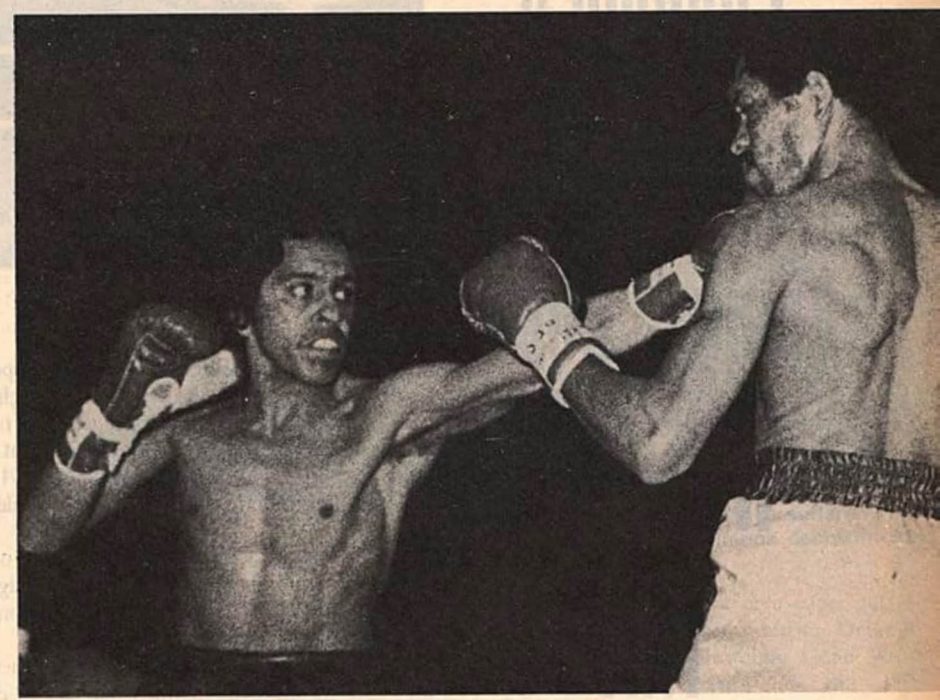
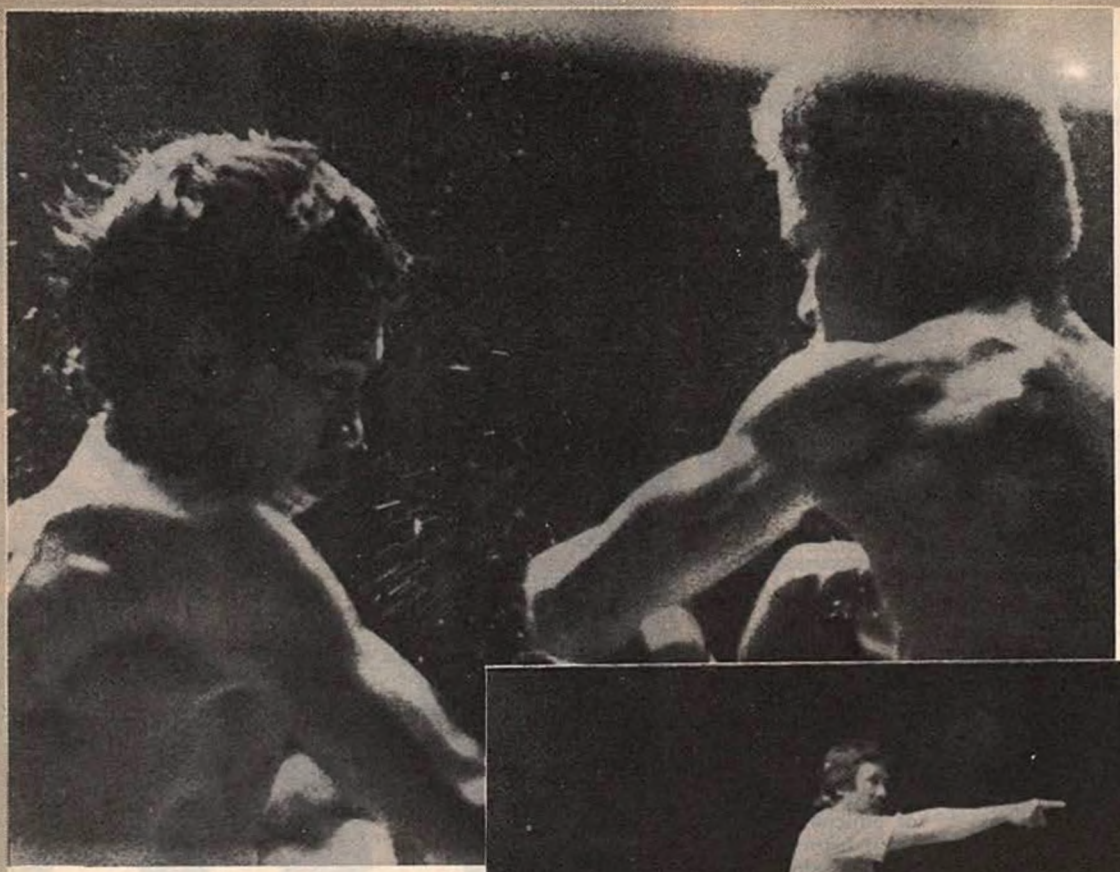
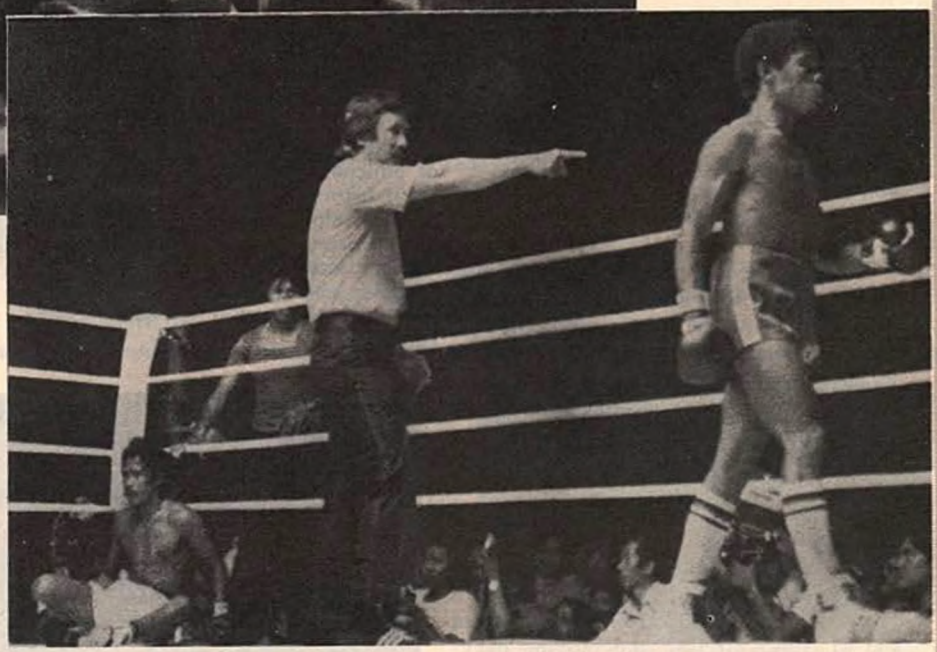


Conception Martinez is about to hit the canvas from a flurry of punches delivered by former WBC featherweight champion Bobby Chacon in the tenth round. Martinez was counted out at 2:49 of that round.



Round 4 saw Chacon land a series of crisp punches that hurt Martinez. This left, by Chacon, was one of those that set the pace for the rest of the fight, in which Chacon was clearly the aggressor against the Dominican Republic's Martinez.





(Left) WBA Flyweight champion Erbito Salavarria, Philippines, recoils from a hard left hook from challenger Alfonso Lopez, Panama, during their title bout in Manila. (Below) Lopez is ordered to a neutral corner by referee Padilla as Salavarria sits numbly in another corner. Lopez won a technical knockout at 33 seconds into round 15 to become the new WBA Flyweight champion.

Panama's Lopez Brings Home WBA Fly Title

By JUAN ORTEGA

MANILA, PHILIPPINES—Alfonso Lopez, undefeated in 23 fights, kayoed local Erbito Salavarria, to win the W.B.A. flyweight crown, at the Araneta Coliseum.

This was Salavarria's second defense of the W.B.A. crown he won from Susumu Hanagata last April. Since then, Erbito beat the ex-champ in a rematch. The Filipino once held the world title from December 7, 1970, when he kayoed Thailand's Chartchai Chionoi, until February 2, 1973. He was defeated by another Thailander, Venice Borkorsor.

The bout was a one-sided affair most of the way. Rounds one and two were even. Three through eight were all Lopez. The tiger from Panama scored with stinging left jabs and right hooks to the face of the champion. Alfonso chased Erbito all the way, catching him on the ropes and in the corners.

Salavarria made a comeback of sorts in the ninth, eleventh and twelfth. This was the only time in the bout in which he was in control. Many felt that Lopez, who had never gone beyond 10 rounds, was running out of steam.

The Panamanian regained control of the contest in the 13th round. He put pressure on the champ, chasing him from one side of the ring to the other.

The 14th was a big round for Lopez. He put Salavarria down for a mandatory eight count with a left right combo at the tail end of the round.

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By JOHN ORT

Bethea Gets Nod, But Reporter Picks Douglas

The referee lifts Mexico's Hildo Silva's head to check his condition before awarding New York's Eddie "Flame" Gregory a seventh round KO. Gregory is seen in the background strutting around with his arms held high in victory. Gregory made his debut as a light heavyweight in this bout.

TOM "The Bomb" Bethea, 173½, New York, was awarded an upset ten round decision over Columbus, Ohio's Bill Douglas, 133, at Madison Square Garden.

Four other 10 rounders were on the card. Chris Elliott boxed a draw with Casey Gacic; Mike Rossman outpointed Gene Wells; Dom Monaco beat Eduardo Santiago, and Eddie Gregory scored the only kayo of the night, over Hildo Silva.

The Douglas-Bethea match was the highlight of a dull evening. The Ohio battler made a big hit in the "Big Apple" a month earlier with an upset win over Pedro Soto. By the way, Douglas replaced Bethea for that match. Tom was off that card due to the flu.

Both men had boxed each other on September 12, 1970, in Columbus, Ohio, with Bill gaining the nod. This fight started out as if the result would be the same as the first. Douglas won the first three rounds. He opened cuts over both of Bethea's eyes. The left in the second, the right in the third. Tom was also bleeding from the mouth from the second. Bill did most of the damage with good left hooks and right hand leads. He never went to Bethea's body.

Tom came back to win the fourth round. He stayed on top of Bill, giving him no punching room. He scored with short uppercuts inside, which caused a cut in Douglas's mouth, which bled the rest of the way. Bill didn't use a mouthpiece after this point.

In fifth and sixth rounds the Ohio tiger came back to win, tagging the New Yorker with good left hooks which had him hurt.

From the seventh round on, Bethea came to life. He moved in on Douglas, landing wild lefts to the head and short right uppercuts to the chin. Bill's last moment of glory was in the eighth round, when he scored a left hook to the jaw of Bethea, which knocked the Bomb's mouthpiece out and across the ring. Tom came back to keep the pressure on a tired 37-year-old Douglas. This strong finish gave him the bout in the eyes of the three New York officials. I scored it 6-4 for Douglas.

After the contest Douglas stated, "I thought I won it. I hit him with the bigger punches. He wasn't doing any damage. I think I did more damage to him than he did to me."

Domenic Monaco lands one of the many hard rights that Eduardo Santiago suffered in the course of their 10 round lightweight fight. Monaco scored a unanimous decision. Both fighters are from New York.

Tom conceded the damage done by Douglas, but went on to say, "I did a dance on him. I gave him no room to land his big punches. From the sixth round on I was in charge."

Mike Rossman had another one of his bad nights. I don't know what his trouble was this time, bad cold, Flu or a paper cut. He did little or nothing beating Orlando, Florida, junior middleweight Gene Wells. Rossman was boxing at the light heavyweight weight of 165.

Wells finally woke up toward the end of the bout. He found that you can't miss Mike with a lead right to the head. The crowd booed the official decision.

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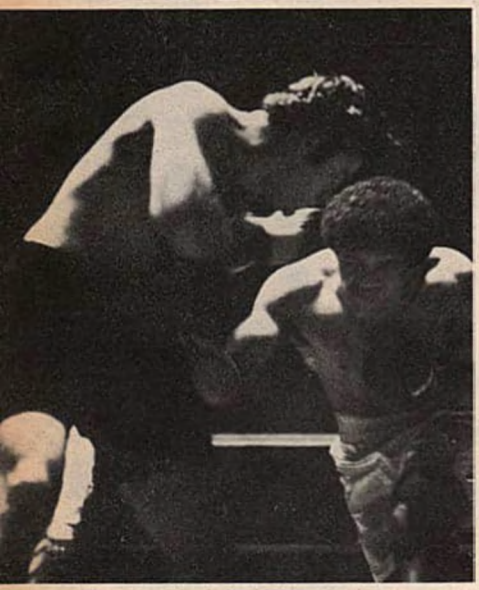
BOUDREAUX OVER O'MELIA IN 10



By JOHN ORT
Photos By Shane

NEW YORK — Houston heavyweight Johnny Boudreaux scored a one-sided 10 round decision over Jersey City's Brian O'Melia at New York's Sunnyside Garden.

Boudreaux, 211, ranked no-10 in the world, was just too fast for the Jersey Irishman. Johnny scored a shutout on two of the three official cards. The referee had it 9-1, for the Texas tiger.

From the first round, it was no contest. Boudreaux jabbed away at the face of O'Melia, 203, landing 50 to 1. Brian kept on coming, but couldn't land a blow.

In the third to fifth rounds Johnny looked like another Muhammad Ali. Scoring with fast hands to the face, he would jab six or seven times in a row, then land with a quick right cross or a left hook off the jab. Brian still hadn't landed a shot.

Round six saw O'Melia's one moment of glory. He caught a careless Boudreaux coming in with a left hook and a looping right to the jaw, which hurt the Texas fighter. These were the only blows that Brian would land in the bout.

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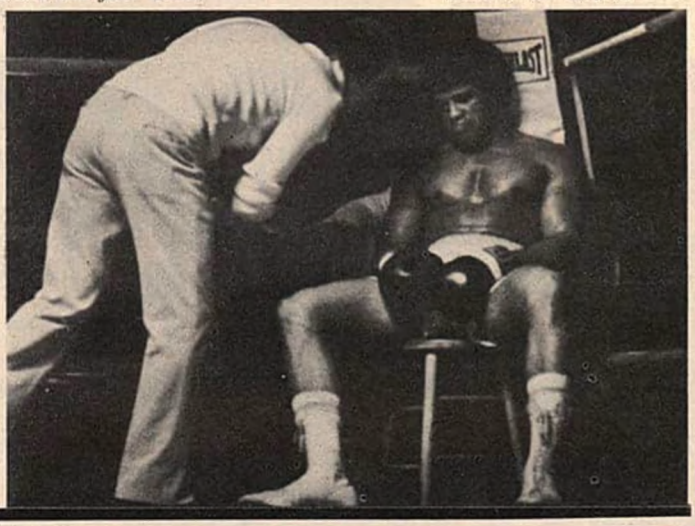

(Left) Houston's Johnny Boudreaux charges in on New Jersey's Brian O'Melia in the course of the 10 round fight which Boudreaux won over 10 rounds. On his way to beating O'Melia, Boudreaux (right) listens to some advice from manager Robert Bish.

Sacramento's Stan Ward connects with a left to the head of Fresno's Mac Foster in the fourth round of the bout in which Stan decisioned the formerly rated number two world heavyweight.

Stan Ward, On The Rise, Beats Foster

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

EVERYONE knows about the current heavyweight champion, those that don't probably don't know the shape of the planet. Then there are the other heavyweights and just about every boxing fan knows the only three men who at present could force the champion to work to his utmost, they are Frazier, Norton and Foreman. But there is also a group of new heavyweights, younger by years, just as big and maybe hungrier than the rop ranked fighters. They are waiting in relative obscurity for a year or two to pass and for the above names to retire or become hulks of once championship material, men to beat on the way to the top.

One of the most talented fighters in this new group is Stan "Avalanche" Ward of Sacramento, California. Others in that group of new contenders would be Duane Bodick and Larry Holmes, both undefeated, Johnny Boudreaux of Texas and perhaps Howard Smith. They're well aware of one another for most likely out of this group will emerge the heavyweight champion of the future. Perhaps the only reason this group of new contenders hasn't received good coverage is the present champion's endlessly captivating manner.

Ward is primarily a gifted athlete who, at 6'2", 228 lbs., can box with explosive skill. He has thick massive thighs and excellent ring mobility. Ward possesses a natural left hook and has bull like strength and a willingness to use his muscle. As of yet he hasn't exhibited that final quality of extreme determination which brings one a championship title. Stan has a degree in Psychology from Sacramento State College and is now working, part time, towards a masters degree. "It's about time," Stan points out "that people realize it's possible for someone to be an athlete and an educated man at the same time. Everyone should be fully developed in their mind and body. It doesn't hurt a boxer to be smart."

During college Stan considered the possibilities of baseball and football. The coaches went after him, but the glamour and unlimited prestige of being a champion convinced him to pursue a ring career. After a limited but successful amateur record Stan felt ready for the professional ranks. At the age of twenty two he felt ready for the stiffer competition of the pros. "A ring victory for me," Stan points out," Is the result of long, long hours developing each fraction of my skill. I have to perfect a thousand moves."

As a pro, Ward is undefeated with five victories and two draws against name opponents. The first draw was with Johnny Boudreaux in Sacramento. The second was in his fifth pro bout against "Irish" Pat Duncan in Pat's home town, Carson City, Nevada. That was where Stan received the nickname "Avalanche." Everybody but the judges thought that Stan was "all over" Duncan. Stan has knocked out Rocky Robinson and George Gray, and he recently decisioned Mac Fos-

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INGLEWOOD — Danny Lopez vs. Sean O'Grady was billed as the main event, but it was former No. 1 featherweight Bobby Chacon who provided the drama.

Lopez scored a fourth-round knockout over O'Grady before a Forum crowd of 7,894, and Chacon was supposed to make it even faster in the nightcap. He didn't.

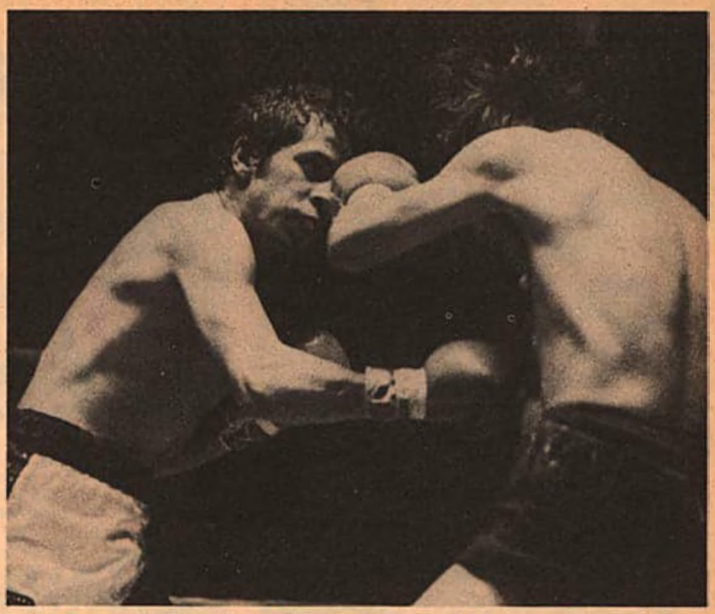
Chacon, who defeated Modesto Concepcion only nine days before in San Jose, barely survived before winning a unanimous decision over rugged David Sotelo in the final 10-rounder.

Chacon, 131, was breezing going into the eighth round. He had thoroughly dominated the action in a one-sided bout that fans booed because it obviously was no contest. But Sotelo, of Guadalajara, Mexico, refused to yield under a merciless attack, punching back ineffectively—but, nonetheless punching.

Suddenly, at 43 seconds of the eighth, Sotelo threw a left hook from the floor and Chacon shot to the canvas, flat on his back. He beat the count, but Sotelo, 131, was on top of him and sensing a KO. Blood began to ooze from the corner of Chacon's left eye, and soon his face was smeared.

Referee Chuck Hassett stopped the bout, seemingly confused about what course of action he should take. He then called the ringside physician, Dr. Roger A. Thill, who examined the injury and signaled for action to resume. It did.

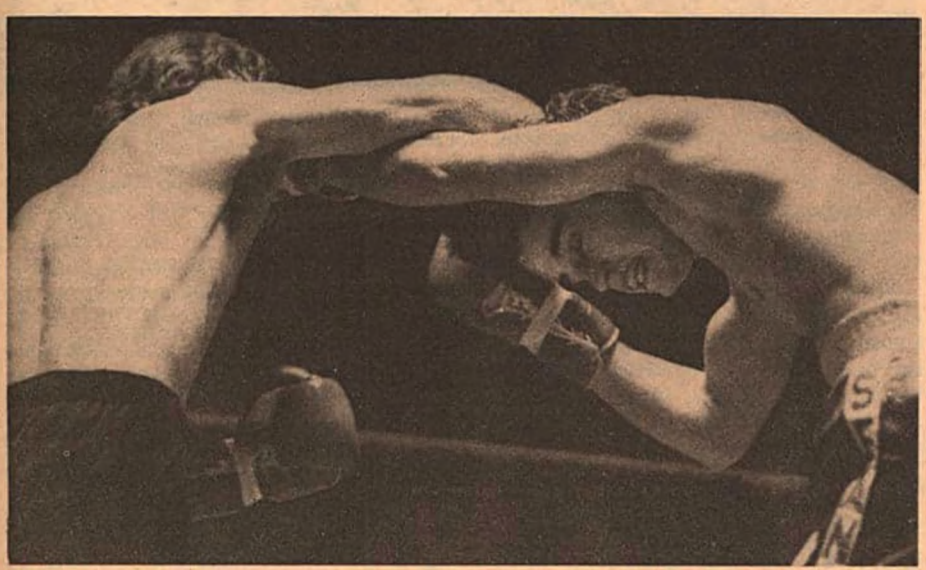
Moments later, out came Chacon's mouthpiece. Again Hassett interrupted the action (complying with the commission rules) to have the mouthpiece washed.



Former featherweight champion Bobby Chacon slams a right to the midsection of David Sotelo, Guadalajara, Mexico, en route to the California native's ten round unanimous decision win.

Lopez And Chacon Top O'Grady And Sotelo

By DON FRASER



Featherweights Danny "Little Red" Lopez, left, from Los Angeles, and Sean O'Grady, from Oklahoma City, exchange long punches during their Los Angeles bout. O'Grady failed to answer the bell for the fifth round, giving Lopez a KO victory.

"Hurry up," he yelled to the seconds. The chore completed, Chacon staggered through the remaining moments until the bell.

Given renewed hope, Sotelo won the ninth and came back strong in the 10th, when he again floored Chacon with a left hook. Chacon, in danger of being knocked out with two full minutes remaining, clutched at the ropes, ran and clinched until the final bell.

Hassett voted for Chacon, 8-5. Judges Lou Filippo (6-5) and Richard Steele (6-4) agreed.

Dr. Thill said it had taken three stitches to close a cut on the lid of Chacon's left eye, and a minor cut on the bridge of his nose needed no repair. Chacon who had been a 3-1 favorite, later announced his retirement.

In the "main event," Lopez, a 2-1 choice, handed O'Grady his first loss in 30 fights when Sean's father, Pat O'Grady, stopped the match between the fourth and fifth rounds.

"He had too much," said Pat, a former pro welterweight who promotes boxing in Oklahoma City, where the O'Grady's live.

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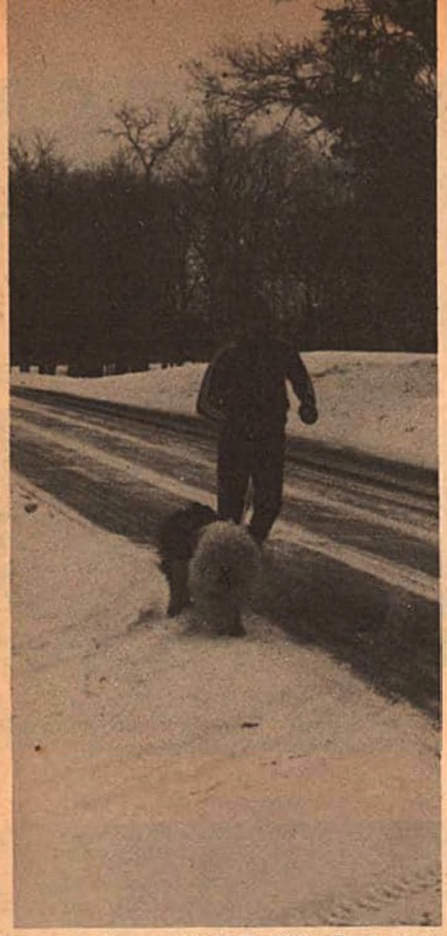
Heavyweight Hopeful, Scott LeDoux



Minnesota heavyweight Scott Le Doux runs five to seven miles every day. Here, his pet, Pokey, tags along for the work out.

Le Doux throws a right to the head of Rodney Bobick, Duane's brother. Rodney, who was rated seventh at the time of the fight, lost the ten rounder to Scott by a decision.

By ED SCULLEN

IT seems almost inevitable to compare Scott LeDoux, the well-padded heavyweight from Crosby-Ironton, Minnesota, with the former unpredictable ex-heavyweight champion Max Baer. Both Scott and Max on given nights could finish off the best of opponents in one punch and yet find themselves in subsequent fights "playing" ten rounds with a more mediocre opponent. Scott at 6'2" and 220 pounds is a handsome physical speciman and has a large female following.

Scott is a colorful and popular speaker and often talks at banquets throughout the state. He enjoys press conferences and any other public appearances calling for his talents as a speaker. This talent has helped make him a popular main event fighter with promoters in the state. He was personally responsible for a substantial portion of the Minnesota record gate for a professional fight when he fought and beat Rodney Bobick, who was then rated 7th in the world and who was also born and raised in Minnesota.

Scott recently became a father. His wife, Sandy, gave birth to a 9 pound 4 ounce strapping baby boy who they named Joshua.

He presently is a student at the University of Minnesota taking courses in real estate and law. He realizes that even though he has many years left in his boxing career that some day he will have to retire and look to other business ventures for his livelihood. He is planning ahead so that he can capitalize on his boxing career to its fullest extent.

Scott was an all around athlete in high school where he won letters in football, basketball and baseball. He has a large following from Crosby-Ironton High School and the general community. He feels an obligation to them, and has not let them down, being successful in winning 18 of his 19 professional fights at the time of this writing.

Although a resident of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, on weekends he can usually be found in the north woods of Minnesota with his father, who works in the famous open pit iron mines. They enjoy tracking deer, hunting or just chasing a bear cub for the fun of it. He also immensely enjoys chopping down trees with a favorite ax. He attributes a part of his fine conditioning to his time in the woods. He also faithfully runs 5 to 7 miles virtually every day of the year.

Even though he is a big man, Scott is unusually light on his feet. Again, in the same fashion and manner as Max Baer, if he finds that things are not going just as he would have them in the ring, or just for a change of pace, he will often elect to just slug it out with an opponent knowing that all he has to do is connect with one clean punch and the fight will be over. He has ended 10 of his 19 professional fights by this tactic.

Since his impressive win over Rodney

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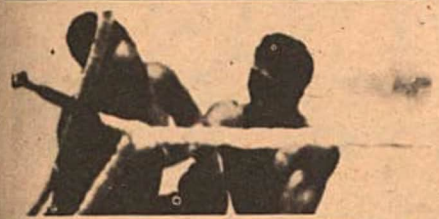

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By BRUCE TRAMPLER

"MAD DOG" ROSS MAKES JR. MIDDLE PROGRESS

"IF you're a fighter, you should fight. If you're a prima donna, you should dance in the ballet." Mad Dog Ross.

That pretty much sums up the life philosophy of Southern junior middleweight champion Edgar (Mad Dog) Ross, an upcoming slugger from Orlando, Florida, who fought 18 times last year and is well on his way to an even busier pace in 1976.

Just three years ago, Ross was a good ole country boy in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, fresh out of Albert Brewer Junior College and a stint in the U.S. Navy. But those impressive credentials for a young man were offset by Edgar's split personality: by night he was a hard drinking, hard fighting barroom brawler with scores of tavern victories from Tuscaloosa to Birmingham.

He even had 28 amateur bouts throughout the South, losing just four, before somebody persuaded him to get paid for fighting. And, oh, what a difference a thousand days has made.

Ross turned pro in Mobile, Alabama, as a lardy but dead game 181-pounder and won a six-round decision from New Orleans heavyweight Walter Hayes. He fought seven more times in the next two years, most often preliminary bouts of little consequence in Mobile and New Orleans. But one win did attract some attention, a mild upset over Irish Jerry Evans, of Indiana.

The veteran Evans, who had fought main events in Miami Beach, London, Indianapolis, and many other towns, was dropping down to an eight-rounder against an unknown comer with three fights. Evans may not have taken the match seriously, but Ross did. "Heck, that was my third pro fight," the Mad Dog remembers. "I gave away 10 pounds at the weigh-in, then happened to pick up a RING MAGAZINE that afternoon. I started reading about this Evans, and couldn't believe how the promoters had overmatched me. My first reaction was a sinking feeling in my gut, and then I got mad and decided to either do or die. And believe me, I thought I would probably die."

Maybe Ross caught Evans on an off night, or maybe the young Alabaman fought over his head, but their fight, the semifinal to the Irish Gene Wells-Ray Smith main event, was a bloody, brutal affair which saw both men rocked repeatedly and each covered with gore.

The decision was close, but rightfully went to Ross, who proved he had great fighting heart and also, at 166, that he was getting in shape.

Yet with pro boxing promotions in Alabama sporadic at best, Ross's main fistic activity was as sparring partner for welterweight contender Jack Tillman, or as gym mate for Irish Gene Wells.

Enter Pete Ashlock, the millionaire sportsman promoter from Orlando, Florida, with an assist from Wells' and Ashlock's matchmaker, Bruce Trampler.

Wells, who had moved to Orlando late in 1974, kept bothering Ashlock about a dead game diamond in the rough back in Tuscaloosa, who had potential if he were handled right. Trampler had taken Jerry Evans to Mobile to fight Ross six months earlier, and he agreed with Wells.

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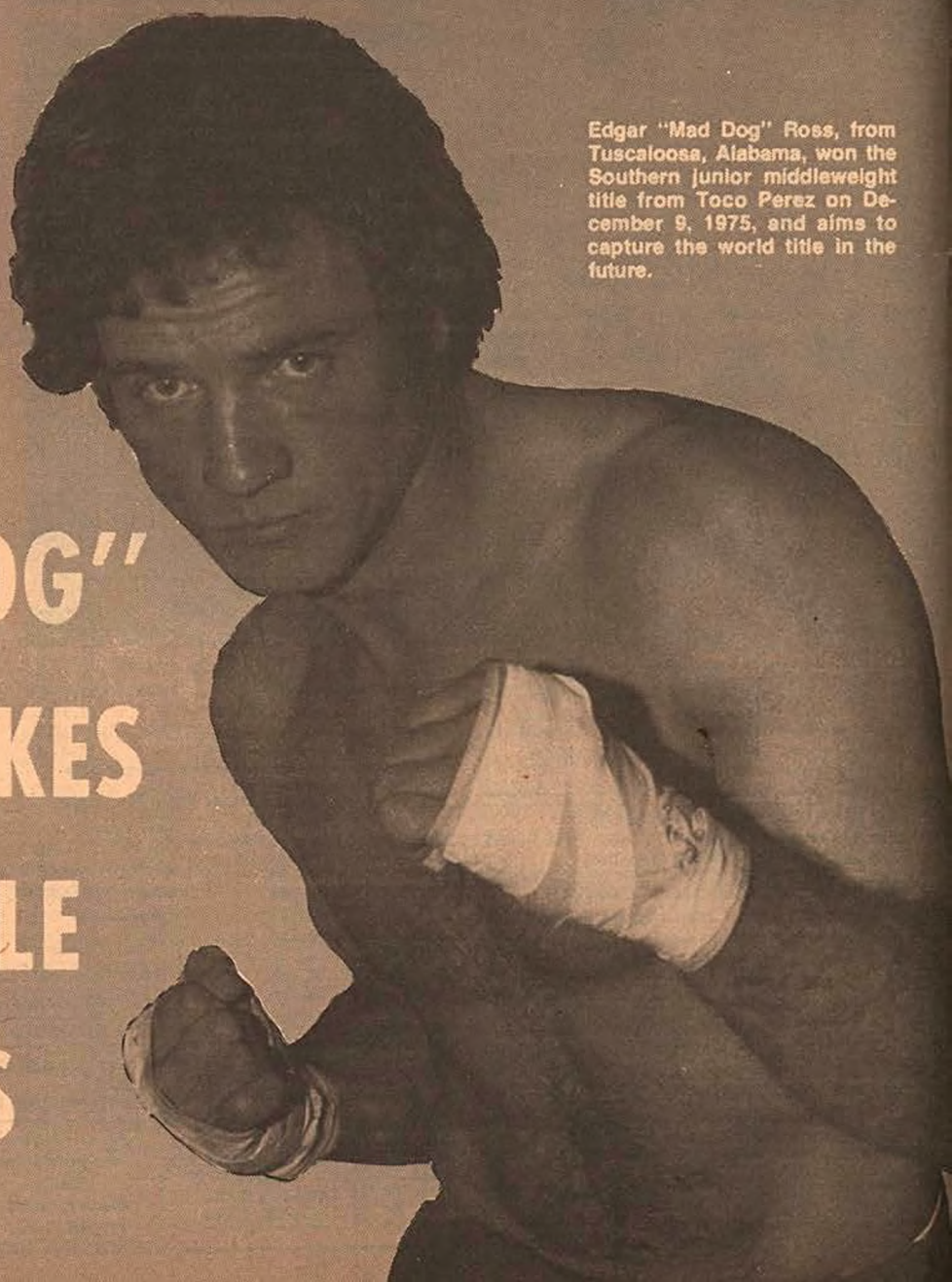

Edgar "Mad Dog" Ross, from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, won the Southern junior middleweight title from Toco Perez on December 9, 1975, and aims to capture the world title in the future.

John Wilburn, Maryland's Fighting Stevedore

By ED SCULLEN

BALTIMORE, MD. — "Someday I'd like to be known as the 'Fighting Stevedore'," said local fighter John Wilburn after a workout at the late Eli Hanover's Sports Activities Gym.

The 5' 9½", 168-pound native of Severna Park, Maryland, and a member of Longshoreman's Local 333, quickly added that he hoped boxing would soon bring the outward signs of the good life—a nice home, a big car (a Lincoln or a Cadillac would do) and a nice bank account. It was left unsaid, but understood, that the muscular 20-year-old who has a 6-0 record (all KO's) after just 13 months as a pro, is hoping for a title shot sometime in the future as well—most likely in the light heavyweight ranks.

John first began boxing in 1972 at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, during a Job Corps stint in which he learned the plasterer's trade. John tended to be a rambunctious type in his earlier school years, and would think nothing of jumping into a fight to help a friend. When the school officials would rush to the scene, the other culprits would vanish, but John would still be there and later would get most of the blame.

Troubles at school led to John dropping out several years prior to a normal high school graduation, and after several months out of school, the Job Corps looked like a good deal. Soon after arriving at Harper's Ferry, John was in the Center's boxing ring and learning the sport which had always fascinated him.

Today, John credits boxing with settling him down and allowing him to face life in a mature manner. "If I see a fight out in the street now," says John, "I just walk away. Now that I'm a professional I want to do all my fighting in the ring, not in the street."

After his Job Corps experience, John returned to Severna Park, but with a different outlook on life. He began teaching boys in the 12-15 age bracket in nearby Glen Burnie how to box, while at the same time continuing his amateur career. John has a natural knack with youngsters, and the boys whom he has taught, as well as their parents, often appear at his fights.

Fighting then as a middleweight, John moved easily through the competition until he ran up against Baltimore's Lou Benson. In the first go-round against Benson, John was awarded a close decision. There was enough controversy about the call, however, to force another match; this time for the South Atlantic Middleweight Championship. John was knocked down in the second round by Benson, but came roaring back with a furious body attack to stop the tough Baltimorean in the fifth round.

One of the judges, Joey De Angelis, 1 50-year plus veteran of boxing, liked what he saw that night and soon contacted John about turning pro. De Angelis, who had once handled such top fighters as Harry Jeffra, Lou Raymond and the fighting Transperanti brothers, had been out of the fight game for 15 years due to the demands of his real estate business. After seeing John's punching ability and courage in coming off the canvas, he suddenly wanted to get back into the boxing game.

The two men soon came to an agreement, and a new pro and an old pro were suddenly in professional boxing. In early 1975 John made his debut at Baltimore's Steel Workers Hall and KO'ed Larry Washington in five rounds. A few months later, Al Brian was stopped in three at the Capital Centre. Roy Ingraham was next up, and he was halted in five rounds in Baltimore. A more experienced Dennis Roberts of Spartansburg, S.C., lasted two rounds at the

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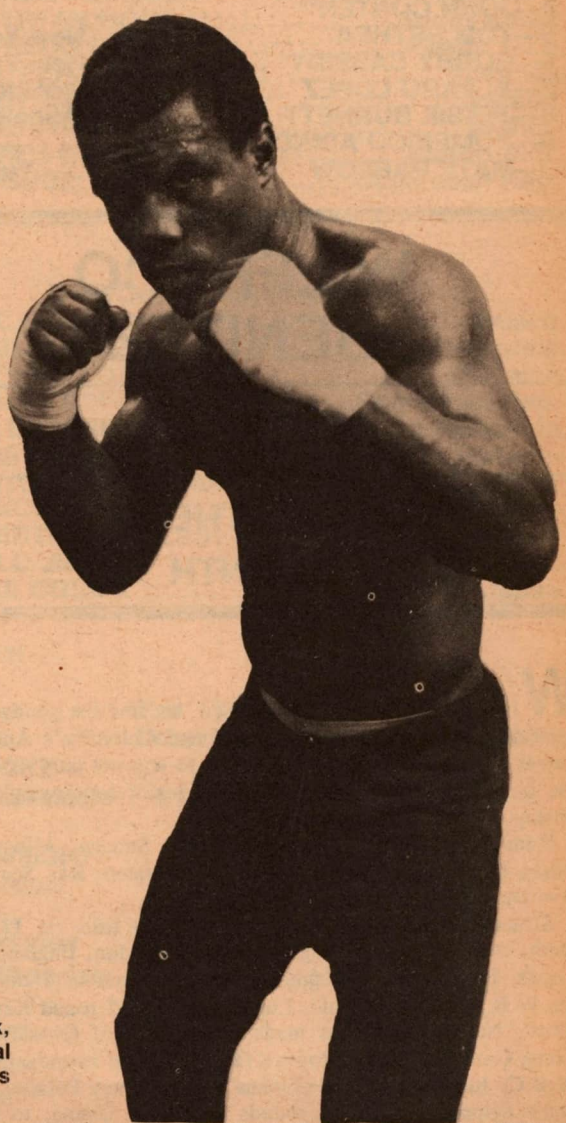

168 pound John Wilburn, from Severna Park, Maryland, is a member of Longshoreman's Local 333 and teaches 12-15 year old boys to box, as well as training hard for his boxing career.

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2—GEORGE FOREMAN† ..... Houston, Texas
3—JIMMY YOUNG ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4—JOE FRAZIER ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5—DUANE BOBICK ..... Bowlus, Minn.
6—RON LYLE ..... Denver, Colo.
7—LARRY HOLMES ..... Easton, Pa.
8—JOHNNY BOUDREAUX ..... Houston, Texas
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10—CHUCK WEPNER ..... Bayonne, N.J.

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(not over 175 pounds)
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JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO BENITEZ* ..... Puerto Rico
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8—EASTEBAN DeJESUS ..... Puerto Rico
9—CARLOS GIMINEZ ..... Argentina
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LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROBERTO DURAN* ..... Panama
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8—JEAN-BAPTISTE PIEDVACHE ..... France
9—BUZZSAW YAMABA ..... Japan
10—EDWIN VIRUET ..... Puerto Rico

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

BEN VILLAFLOR* ..... Philippines
1—TYRONE EVERETT† ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
2—ALFREDO ESCALERA** ..... Puerto Rico
3—RONNIE McGARVEY ..... Hillcrest Hgts., Md.
4—SAMUEL SERRANO ..... Puerto Rico
5—SVEN-ERIC PAULSEN ..... Norway
6—RAY LUNNY III ..... San Francisco, Calif.
7—APOLLO YOSHIO ..... Japan
8—KUNIAKI SHIBATA ..... Japan
9—WALTER SEELEY ..... New York, N.Y.
10—BOBBY RICHARDS ..... Boston, Mass.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALEXIS ARGUELLO* ..... Nicaragua
1—ART HAFEY ..... Canada
2—DAVID KOTEY POISON** ..... Ghana
3—DANNY LOPEZ† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4—ELIO COTINA ..... Italy
5—LIONEL HERNANDEZ ..... Venezuela
6—SHIG FUKUYAMA ..... Japan
7—OCTAVIO GOMEZ ..... Mexico
8—RIGOBERTO RIASCO ..... Panama
9—ARNOLD TAYLOR ..... South Africa
10—RUBEN OLIVARES ..... Mexico

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALFONSO ZAMORA* ..... Mexico
1—RODOLFO MARTINEZ** ..... Mexico
2—CARLOS ZARATE ..... Mexico
3—EUSEBIO PEDROZA ..... Panama
4—SOO HWAN HONG ..... South Korea
5—WILFREDO GOMEZ ..... Puerto Rico
6—PAUL FERRERI ..... Australia
7—PADDY MAGUIRE ..... Ireland
8—DANIEL TROULAIRE ..... France
9—ANDRES HERNANDEZ ..... Puerto Rico
10—LEO CRUZ ..... Dominican Rep.

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MIGUEL CANTO** ..... Mexico
1—BETULIO GONZALEZ ..... Venezuela
2—ALFONSO LOPEZ* ..... Panama
3—IGNACIO ESPINAL ..... Dominican Rep.
4—LUIS ESTABE ..... Venezuela
5—JAIME RIOS ..... Panama
6—ERBITO SALAVARRIA ..... Philippines
7—FRANCO SPERTI ..... Italy
8—ALBERTO MORALES ..... Mexico
9—PABLO JIMINEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
10—SHOJI OGUMA ..... Japan

WILFREDO BENITEZ

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

WILFREDO Benitez, Puerto Rico, became the youngest fighter to win a world title when he outpointed Colombia's Antonio Cervantes over 15 rounds in Puerto Rico to win not only the fighter of the month award, but also the world junior welterweight championship.

Runners-up for the month were: John Stracey, Alfonso Lopez, Elisha Obed, Dave Kotey Poison, Jean Mateo, Ray Seales, Keith Averett, Danny Lopez, and Javier Ayala.

Stracey retained the world welterweight title via TKO in the tenth, over Detroit's Hedegmon Lewis, London, England; Alfonso Lopez, Panama upset Flipino Erbito Salavarria in Manila, to win the W.B.A. flyweight title. Lopez scored a 15 round Kayo; Elisha Obed, Nassau, Bahamas made short work of Oklahoma City's Tony Gardner. Obed stopped Tony in two rounds in Nassau; W.B.C. Junior middle title Ghana's Dave Kotey Poison, halted Japan's Flipper Uehara 12 rounds at Accra, Ghana, to retain his W.B.C. featherweight crown.

Other action for the month: France's Jean Mateo came from behind to score a eight round kayo over U.S. middleweight king Tony Licata; Javier Ayala scored a major upset as he outpointed Angel Mayoral, Las Vegas lightweight, in 10 rounds, at Tijuana, Mexico.

A pair of upsets in the junior middleweight division—Ray Seales, Tacoma beat top ranking middleweight George Cooper, Oakland, Calif. in ten rounds; Keith Averett, Akron, Ohio defeated Philadelphia's Perry Abner over ten.

In the only U.S. title defense of the month Danny Lopez halted Sean O'Grady in three, at the Ingelwood Forum in California. Lopez retained his featherweight title. This was the first lost for the Oklahoma's O'Grady.

Champions: *WBA **WBC †U.S.

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAMES	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Stan Ward Sacramento, Calif.	6/74	7	5	0	2	3
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Tommy Evans Oakland, Calif.	4/74	8	6	1	1	6
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Damiano Lassandro Italy	11/72	17	15	1	1	9
WELTERWEIGHT						
Daniel Gonzalez Argentina	1/71	42	41	0	1	24

NAMES	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Lennox Blackmoore Guyana	1/75	8	7	1	0	2
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Reuben Castillo Tucson, Ariz.	1/75	14	14	0	0	7
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Baby Kid Chocolate Philadelphia, Pa.	8/73	13	13	0	0	6
FLYWEIGHT						
Chris Dlamini South Africa	3/74	11	11	0	0	6

(Above) Washington, D.C., native Tim (Blue) Walker works out on the heavy bag. (Right) Blue shakes hands with trainer Ken Stribling at Finley's Gym. It was Stribling who discovered Walker at a Youth Correction Center and started him on the road toward fistic success.

Jr. Welter Tim (Blue) Walker Climbs Ranks

Boxer of the early 50's and a good friend, Bobby Brown gives Blue some pointers.

By ED SCULLEN

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Each afternoon when Tim (Blue) Walker enters Finley's Gym on 10th St. N.E. he knows deep down that his dreams are being answered. The 23-year-old, who has compiled a 15-3 record in a little over two years and is now the No. 4 U.S. junior welterweight contender, feels this way because just a few years ago he was in custody for a variety of juvenile offenses and his one-time dream of being a professional fighter looked out of reach altogether.

"I used to run the streets all the time and this was how I got into trouble," explained Walker. Eventually, Walker's running with a group of boys who thought nothing of malicious damage and larceny led to his capture by police and a sentence to the Youth Correction Center here.

Although Walker had been a willing enough fighter as a street dude, he had never had any formal training until he met Ken Stribling at the Youth Center. Stribling was the Center's fight trainer—part of a formal sports program designed to provide recreation for the young men.

Stribling soon had Walker fighting in the amateurs and enjoying it. Today, Walker gives full credit to boxing for turning his attitude around. With his amateur career providing incentive, Walker soon began to think how great it would be to get out of custody and begin fighting professionally.

But the local authorities told Walker he would have to serve out his time unless someone in the community would vouch for him, and more importantly provide him with a steady job.

Any prospect of release seemed dim until Stribling, enthused about Walker's boxing ability and new attitude, talked to his boss, George Peters, about his new find. Peters, owner of a liquor store and a cautious man, saw Walker fight several times and talked to the young man at length before he told the authorities he would take full responsibility for Blue and would employ him in his store.

That was in early 1972. Since then Walker has begun a promising fight career and although he still works for Peters, Walker has finished his probation and is once again a solid citizen.

Both Walker and his manager are happy with the way things have turned out. The only gripe the pair has now is the reluctance

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The RING PUNCH LINES

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NORTON DESERVES A THIRD SHOT

I believe that Ken Norton deserves a third fight with Ali. I swore off Muhammad fights some time ago, but would make an exception if Ali were to meet his jaw buster again. This fight should be held in the Garden, in New York, and with the Garden bosses waking up, that is where it is likely to land. Mr. King, please no more Lions. Give us fans a chance to see Ali defend himself.

Ted Havens
New York, N.Y.

FITZ AMERICAN, FITZ BRITISH?

Please, Mr. Answer Man, don't print any more letters about Bob Fitzsimmons being a British heavy and not an American. Bob fought mostly in the U.S., a freak, a heavy with the physical conformation of a middleweight. Americans are glad to count him one of their own, and let that stop letters from Britains hunting high and low for a heavy with a history to record.

Fabian Osterhaus
Los Angeles, Cal.

JOHNSON'S WHITE WIVES

Recently you stated that Jack Johnson married two white women, actually it was three. He married them in this order: Etta Duryea, Lucille Cameron and Irene Pineau.

In discussing fixed fights you did not mention the old trial horse, Harry Thomas, who fought both Louis and Schmeling between their first fight and their second fight. Louis stopped him in seven rounds, and Max stopped him in five rounds. Didn't Harry state that he took a dive?

The fun about boxing is that we can agree to disagree. However, I can never dismiss John L. Sullivan from the ranks of the mighty. Think what knockout blows John L. could have thrown with gloves to protect his hands! As one reader stated, John L. did go twenty rounds with the great Corbett.

Why did the fight between Johnson and Jeffries go fifteen rounds? Was Jeffries so good, or was Johnson so bad? Johnson liked to holler "fake" when he got in trouble as he did with Marvin Hart and Jess Willard, but never did so to my knowledge about the Reno fight.

If you credit Tommy Burns with being heavyweight champion, why do you not credit Marvin Hart from whom he won the championship? Burns has no claim to the championship unless you designate Hart with being either the heavyweight champion of the world, or the leading contender when he fought Burns.

By this letter you can see that I am a regular reader of your fine magazine.

Jack M. Freeman
Forest City, N.C.

OUR MAN BUILDS MUSEUM

Recently I had some twenty films from Ring Classics, including fights of Henry Armstrong, McLarnin, Leonard, Pep and Louis, of course.

Recently I begin to be interested in photographs. I am going to send you those taken by Joe, myself, at Tokyo. How about my skills? Yes, Dan, my friend, you can use them on THE RING MAGAZINE.

If you come to Japan, please come to Joe's Boxing Museum that is being constructed.

Joe Y. Koizumi
Tokyo, Japan

NORTON NEXT ALI?

I believe that Ali's next big fight will be with Ken Norton. I also predict that Norton will be the next champion. Many of the experts believe that Ken does not have enough heart to gain the title and that he would have beaten Muhammad on the second fight if he had had the heart. This is a libel on Ken and he will prove it. Just give the man the chance. He has the punch and the gameness. He has youth and strength.

Harris M. Logan
Brooklyn, N.Y.

JOHNSON'S CASE ANALYZED

We have a group of six fight fans who debate over fights at luncheon every day in a local club. For the last three months we have taken apart the fight in which Jack Johnson lost the title to Jess Willard by K.O. in 26 rounds. As you know, this fight is suspect. We have gone over the facts and pictures of the Havana fight and the discussion has been ended without satisfaction. The vote is three and three, and we have passed the tie breaker on to the Answer Man. Was it a fake?

Haley Green
Chicago, Ill.

Answer Man's Note – There is a shade in favor of the notion that Johnson took a dive. He did not train for the fight and the title was of no use to him, what with the Federal authorities hounding Jack on the phony charge of violating the Mann Act. He was always broke.

KETCHEL GREATEST?

THE RING makes every effort, and has been doing so since the Fleischer heyday—to sell the idea that Stanley Ketchel was the greatest fighter below heavyweight class. We down here believe that Carlos Monzon would have beaten Ketchel the best day Stan ever fought. New York fans should not rate Monzon on the form he showed when he knocked out Licata in the Garden. Monzon was rusty that night and took five rounds to get up steam.

Now that THE RING has a Spanish edition we will be getting a square deal for Carlos.

Enrique Garandet
Buenos Aires, Argentina

TOO MANY ALI COVERS?

I wish that THE RING would let up on running Ali on the cover so often. Give us an occasional middle or welter. I would settle for a lightweight.

Duran is great enough to appear out there. I have no dislike for Ali, but there are other fighters in the arena.

Fred Cane
Albany, N.Y.

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Sam Taub Honored By Ring #8

Left to right, Frank Morris, Deputy of the State Athletic Commission; Phil Terranova, former featherweight champion; Charles Gellman, Director of Jewish Memorial Hospital; Al Reid, President of Ring #8; Abe Berman, Ring #8 Secretary and Chairman of Dinner; Nat Loubet, Publisher and Editor of RING MAGAZINE and Sam Taub of RING MAGAZINE, receiving award following presentation by Mr. Loubet. Photo by Don Francione.

BOXING's elite, members of Ring #8, of which Al Reid, former featherweight star, is president, turned out 325 strong to jam beautiful Carlyle Ballroom, at Avenue D and East 43rd St., in Brooklyn, for the 21st annual dinner-dance entertainment. It was voted one of the finest get togethers of its kind ever held, and a ball was had by all present.

On this occasion, Abe Berman, chairman of the affair and Ring #8 secretary, aided by his associates, had things humming from start to finish. Owners Hank Benfante and Ray Rupelli deserve an accolade for their co-operation in making everybody comfortable. It started with a smorgasbord and was followed by an excellent dinner, floor show and dancing. There was never an idle moment.

The huge turnout was magnanimous in its appreciation and in its enthusiasm for the three honorees. . .our own Sam Taub, Ray Arcel, famous trainer of boxing champions, and Phil Terranova, one time NBA featherweight king. The greetings by the turnout were heart-warming as the presentations were made.

Nat Loubet, publisher and editor of RING MAGAZINE, in making the presentation to our own Sam Taub, gave a brief sketch of his long affiliation with boxing. Charles Gellman, who is also Chairman of the Board of Ring #8, did the honors in behalf of Ray Arcel, famous trainer, and former feather king, Phil Terranova.

Too much cannot be said in behalf of Abe Berman, chairman in charge of affairs and his committee. The balance of the committee was comprised of Mickey Katz, co-chairman, Phil Rutha, ticket chairman, and Petey Burns, co-chairman. Berman also had the extra duties of compiling the journal, which also turned out to be great.

The dais itself was one of beauty and full of people well known in boxing. It was a real Who's Who of the fistic fraternity. Champions of yesteryear were made up by Paul Berlenbach, ex-lightheavyweight king and president of VBA Ring #21; Lou Salica, twice bantam king; Cpl. Izzy Schwartz, former flyweight leader and ex-president of Ring #8; and Solly Seeman, junior lightweight king of the Pacific Coast.

Also on the dais were Abe Greene, commissioner of World's Boxing Association; Frank Morris, Deputy Boxing Commissioner of New York State; Charles Spina, President Ring #14; Scoop Gallello, president of the International Veteran Boxers Ass'n; Dominick Della Rocca, chief of Community Mayors; and Jack Grebelsky, founder and 1st President of Ring #8.

Truth to tell, the dais was limited to those we have mentioned, together with the honorees and honored guests who made the presentations. But they came from far and wide from New Jersey, from Staten Island and from other locales. Carmine Fatta, for one, made the trip from Newburgh, N.Y. We'd like to mention two special men who were instrumental in helping the affair, one being

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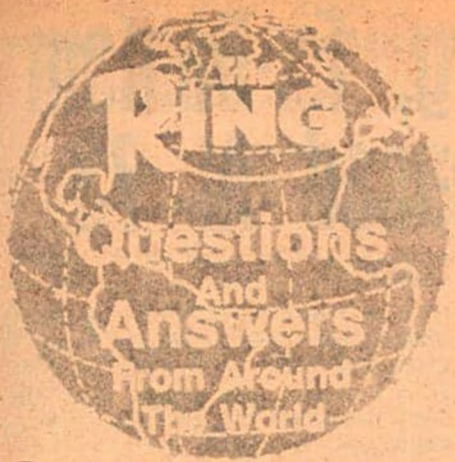
Left to right, Abe Berman, Chairman of Dinner Committee; Sam Taub, honoree; Ray Arcel, famous trainer of champions, another honoree; Al Reid, former featherweight and President of Ring #8; Phil Terranova, former feather champion, also an honoree; Nat Loubet, Editor and Publisher of RING MAGAZINE; Abe Greene, Commissioner of World's Boxing Ass'n and former president and former NBA and New Jersey Boxing Commission president. Photo by Don Francione.



Q. Regarding Joe Choynski not being Jewish. His father, Isadore, was West Coast correspondent for the AMERICAN ISRAELITE, a Hebrew scholar and head of the San Francisco YMHA.

S. Wallman
New York, N.Y.

A. Efforts to run down the Choynski-Jewish yarn have not been successful.

Q. How many fights did the Red Lion of Flanders have, professionally, before entering the ring against Muhammad?

Coney Connors
Dallas, Tex.

A. Jean Pierre climbed into rings seven times before facing Muhammad. The promoters could have done better in picking a so-called opponent for Ali. The Lion would rank No. 30, at best, in the U.S.

Q. I was recently informed by my brother that in 1969, during his unjust period of idleness, Muhammad Ali had the leading role in a Broadway musical entitled "Buck White." Can THE RING shed any light on this peculiar subject?

Todd Hedgepeth
San Antonio, Texas

A. I recollect no such exploit.

Q. Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney have been quoted recently as saying that they no longer have any interest in the fight game. Were these quotations made up or were they actually made for responsible publication? I note that Dempsey attended the recent Ali fight in Puerto Rico.

Ramon Fecerco Fuentes
San Juan, Puerto Rico

A. The Dempsey and Tunney quotations were not given to anybody connected with THE RING. Dempsey is said to have received five grand and expenses for Mrs. D. and himself to attend the Ali-Red Lion fight.

Q. We got tired of handball so we got out a pack of six and began to talk boxing. Quite a few questions came up; viz—How come Tommy Burns is listed among the official heavyweight champions? 2. Was it possible for Willard to beat Johnson on the level? 3. Could Johnson have beaten Ali? And 20 more. Got any answers?

Dan Donnelly
Cambridge, Mass.

A. I always have had my doubts about Burns, but there he is, firmer and firmer in the official list. Johnson at his best could have stopped Willard.

When was Johnson at his best? May be when he stopped Ketchel. At that point, Johnson would have beaten Muhammad.

Q. Where did Marciano land in THE RING all time poll?

Rocky Saldani
Brockton, Mass.

A. Marciano placed fifth, behind Joe Louis, Jack Dempsey, Jim Jeffries and Jack Johnson and over Gene Tunney, Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Corbett, Ali and Joe Frazier.

Q. How many times did Jim Jeffries and Tom Sharkey meet? My grandfather says twice and he says Tom won on both occasions. The facts, please.

Gordie Mahaffey
Portland, Ore.

A. Jeffries met Tom Sharkey twice. Jim stopped the Tar in 20 in San Francisco before Jeffries became champion. As title holder, Jeffries beat Sharkey in a 25 round title battle at Coney Island, NY. It was one of the toughest fights in heavyweight history. Referee George Siler had to be escorted from the arena by the police.

Q. Is it true that Baer decked Carnera eleven times in eleven rounds?

Henry Dutcher
Nyack, N.Y.

A. Yes, Henry, it is true. The Ring Record Book **says it is true and Primo never forgot it.**

Q. I would like to get some information about a fine old fighter named Young Otto. Can you oblige?

Gene Ridge
New York, N.Y.

A. Data concerning Young Otto may be obtained from his son, Artie Susskind, who lives in Bay Shore, L.I. He just has been appointed to the State Motor Vehicle Board.

Q. How many computerized fights have involved Muhammad Ali? I knew he was defeated by Marciano in a computer fight, but I have also heard Ali was matched up against Jeffries and Max Schmeling. What was the outcome in these fights?

Rick Wyatt
Ellenboro, N.C.

A. There were twelve computerized fights in the regular series. This wound up with Marciano the winner. Then Ali threatened the outfit that did the computerizing, from material furnished by THE RING.

The court threat induced the promoter to go for No. 13. This was won by Muhammad over Marciano. The promoter then quit the ring and went into football, with disastrous financial results. The computer series should be resumed with the middleweights.

Q. Which of Ali's fights was his toughest? He says that the hardest hitter he has faced was the German Mildemnerger.

Al Baney
Chicago, Ill.

A. Ali's toughest fight was the third with Joe Frazier. Muhammad changes opinions often.

Q. Will Dick Saddler ever be in George Foreman's corner when he fights again? Or have they split up for good? What is Conteh's height?

Brian W. Smith
Bath, Pa.

A. No, Saddler will not again be in Foreman's Corner.

Conteh stands 6'1".

Q. What became of heavyweight Frank Moran, who fought Jack Johnson and Jess Willard for the title? I saw a battered looking Frank Moran in two Bela Lugosi movies of the 1940's—is it the same man?

Frank Dello Stritto
Hoboken, New Jersey

A. He is said to have appeared in Hollywood.

Q. Some 40 years ago there was a good fighter in Brooklyn named Kid Carter. I have been hunting for his record and have not been successful. Do you have Carter's record?

Morris Schwartz
Brooklyn, N.Y.

A. Morris, we do not have Kid Carter's record. He was a good fighter, but old timers say he has died. I hope he still is around.

Phil Rosenberg, Ex-Bantam Champ, Deceased At 73

By SAM TAUB

(Above) The late Charlie Phil Rosenberg, who was bantamweight champion from March 20, 1925, to February 4, 1927. (Right) Eddie Shea is on the deck for a 10 count while Rosenberg waits in a neutral corner for the outcome of their New York City bout. Shea stayed down to give Phil a KO in 4.

CLOSELY following the passing of Maxie Rosembloom came the death of Charley Phil Rosenberg, former bantamweight champion, who passed away on March 12 at the N.Y. Jewish Memorial Hospital, after a long illness.

Rosenberg was born in New York on August 15, 1902, and was 73 years old. He was married and he and his wife Elsie were childless.

Former ring men came out en masse at the Riverside, 76th St. and Amsterdam Avenue, where the deceased reposed. Champ Segal, his only manager, headed the group, which also included his pals Marty Sampson, Al Reid, President of VBA Ring #8; Solly Seeman, former Pacific Coast lightweight champ; Manny Seamon, famous trainer of Champions Benny Leonard and Joe Louis; Harry Stickevers, who managed many stars, Petey Hayes, Joe 'Yussel' Levy and Harry Goldberg.

The Rosenberg fistic career began in 1921 and terminated in 1929. He captured the bantam weight crown from Eddie 'Cannonball'

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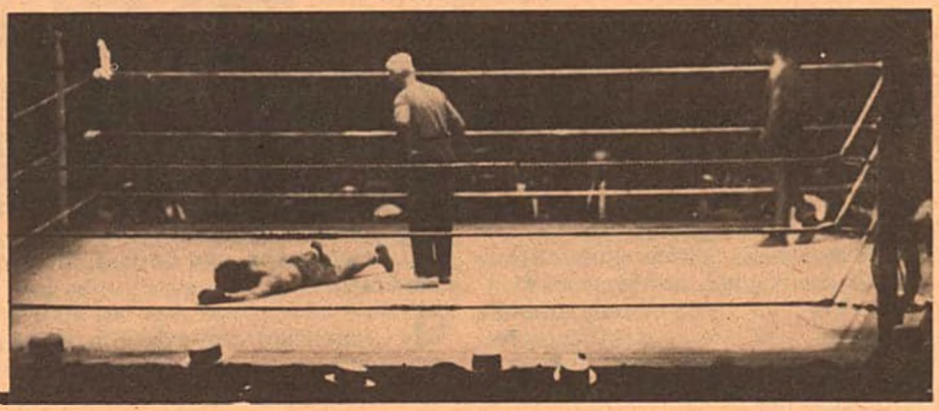

CURTO DECISIONS EDDIE DAVIS IN 10

By BRUCE TRAMPLER

Orlando, Florida — Promoter Pete Ashlock, who bankrolled 20 shows last year at his Orlando Sports Stadium, is busy again this year. He and matchmaker Bruce Trampler had four cards in the first 12 weeks of 1976, with more action scheduled every two weeks.

High ranking middleweight Vinnie Curto, 158, Boston and Miami, came off a layoff of several months and barely nipped game trialhorse Eddie Davis, 156, Tampa, on a split decision in the 10-round main event.

Curto was just a shade quicker and a little bit cuter, but the two put on a heckuva battle and the fans rewarded both men with a standing ovation at the finish. Vinnie, who was making his local debut, made a hit with the customers and will probably be brought back, possibly against junior middleweight contender Irish Gene Wells.

In the co-feature, Southern junior middleweight champ Edgar (Mad Dog) Ross, 152, Orlando, retained his title with a second-round KO over Gypsy Mike Whyms, 149½, Nassau. Ross nailed his man with a straight right to the chin, and it was all over.

This Mad Dog is something to behold. His fans call him a hard hitting, heavy handed "small heavyweight." His detractors claim he is clumsy and uncoordinated, and should sign up for lessons in footwork at Arthur Murray's studio. But he is exciting, and has now eight straight, for a 26-1-1 mark.

Orlando's villain fighter, Joey Vincent, 151, stopped Tampa's Wild Willie Chaney, 155, in the third round. Vincent is the man the crowd most loves to hate, and he delights in blowing kisses to admirers and booers alike. In a six-round light heavyweight opener, Nat Gates, 176, Sarasota, outpointed Ed (Savage) Turner, 174, Orlando. Gates now at 10-2-2, Turner at 9-3-1. Amateurs completed the card.

▲Orlando — A five-bout pro offering featured local favorites Mad Dog Ross, Termite Watkins, and Joey Vincent in a triple main event.

Ross, fighting for the fifth time this year, defended his Southern 154-pound crown by knocking out veteran Tim Ford, 150, Jacksonville, in the fourth round. Ross (28-1-1, 20 KOs) floored Ford (49-7-2, 16 KOs) twice in round two and a couple more times in the fourth, before ref Jack Blake intervened.

Watkins, the 19-year-old undefeated lightweight sensation, retained his Southern 135-pound honors by halting rugged little Mexican challenger Valente Ramos, 130, San Antonio, in the third. The win boosted Termite to 25-0, 15 KOs.

Vincent, 152, always in a war, came from behind to batter late sub Jerry Hill, 154, Ft. Lauderdale, into a third-round TKO defeat. Vincent was scheduled to box Tampa's Killer Ellis, who enhanced his reputation as a no-show by withdrawing two days before, claiming an arm injury. The ailment was probably valid, but Orlando fans are not sympathetic to pull-outs or postponements, and while they looked forward to Vincent-Ellis with anticipation, it is unlikely they will believe Killer until they see him now.

Brilliant lightweight prospect Frankie Santore, 133, Melbourne, stopped Ricky Ramos, 130, Houston, in the third. It was the Italian kid's fifth straight, making him 5-1-1. Nat Gates, 179, Sarasota, whacked out Ed Gray, 179, Orlando, in the second round.

▲Muncie, Indiana — A quartet of Florida boxers appeared in this little Hoosier town for promoters John Appel and Fred Berns. In the main event, local middleweight flash Gary Guiden dropped Tampa's Killer Ellis five times en route to a second-round KO. The only winner was Orlando's Mad Dog Ross, who got off the deck to halt Jimmy Carter of Chicago in round two of their junior middleweight match.

Max Horde of Fernandian Beach was halted by local junior middle Al Hughes in the fifth round of a rousing slugfest, and Jacksonville middleweight Slick Mitchell was halted in the third by New Castle's Jimmy Claar.

▲Albuquerque, N.M. The Duke City's second card of the year, promoted by Paul Chavez and Pete Ashlock, saw Irish Gene Wells of Orlando avenge a three-week-old draw by trouncing Tucson middleweight Vicente Medina in the 10-round feature bout at Civic Auditorium.

Termite Watkins, Wells's unbeaten stablemate, made it 24 straight when the streaking lightweight prospect belted out Lamar Baskin of San Antonio in round two, a scheduled 10-rounder.

NOTE: On page 65 of the January issue of RING MAGAZINE there was a fight report by Bruce Tramplar in which it was stated, "Local heavyweight Bobby Walker picked up his third pro win with a first-round KO over Lee Powell." It has been brought to our attention that this bout was not a pro match and that it went three rounds with no decision rendered.

DeBARROS DECISIONS CAMARO IN 10 HEATS

By BILLY KOWALCZYK

Vinny DeBarros, 138, a flashy hometown boy, used every combination in the book en route to a unanimous decision via the ten round rout! "Pookey," as he is sometimes called, scored a shut out in winning every round! Although he won handily, his opponent gave a good account of himself as he waged a war of his own in losing the contest! DeBarros had trouble in the 10th and final round as Camero stormed out in hopes of catching DeBarros off guard, but Vinny was prepared for him and warded him off with an attack of his own and won easily.

For the rising young lightweight, it was win number 15 with one lone loss. His next bout is scheduled in a couple of weeks with the reigning Canadian lightweight champ here in Waterbury!

In the semi final D. C. Walker, 158, of New Haven, decisioned New England middleweight Champ Jessie Bender, 159, of Hartford, in 6 lackluster heats. For the ring-rusty title holder, it was a bitter defeat, and at fights end Jess just bowed his head knowing right well he had lost; then he sadly left the ring amist a chorus of boos and hoots. Ever since he won the crown nobody would fight him or pay him enough; and as he said later in the dressing room, "I just had a bad night!"

Talented Dick Eklund, 143, the Lowell, Massachusetts youngster with a great Waterbury following took all six rounds in lightening-like fashion as he won easily over Frankie Benjamin, 144, of Somers, Connecticut. Eklund had trouble in the first round, but from there on to the finish it was all Eklunds! According to promoters Tony Paoli and Benny Singleton bigger and better bouts are scheduled for this likable youngster!

Randy (Walkie Talkie) Milton, 144, of Somers, Connecticut, had trouble in winning over Sergio Romero, 143, of Bridgeport. When Romero came from behind after losing the first couple of rounds, he came roaring back to almost even up the battle, the crowd roared clearly expressing their pleasure in this fight—and an encore is expected soon!

In the opener Ronals Macwether, 136, a New Yorker, easily decisioned Rafiel Makassio, a South American from Santa Domingo, in four interesting rounds.

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"MAD DOG" ROSS MAKES JR. MIDDIE PROGRESS

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So Ross was imported to Orlando in early February, 1975, to become a true professional fighter. Although he was still weighing around 165, he boxed with all comers in Ashlock's Sports Stadium Gym, and a savage sparring session with heavyweight Jodie Ballard gained him the nickname of "Mad Dog." His Florida debut, an exciting fifth-round TKO over Tiger Hall, was a rousing success.

Oddly, the Mad Dog absorbed his first loss in his second Orlando showing, despite the vast improvement in training conditions. Bahamian flash Charlie Grimmett waltzed to an easy six-round decision over Ross, whose body had not yet adapted to heat and humidity of Florida.

Ross was still over 160 pounds, but clean living and week after week of relentless training gradually caused the Mad Dog to take shape, literally and figuratively. Each morning, Ross raced through the misty darkness of Econlockhatchee Trail, three miles of dirt road near the Sports Stadium training camp, with stablemates Wells, Ballard, Mike Quarry, and Termite Watkins. And each afternoon, the transplanted Alabaman was in the gym, working with the same men.

Ross had the good fortune to be in the right place at the right time. Florida was abounding in middleweights last year, and Ashlock was running fights on an average of twice monthly. The Mad Dog had plenty of opportunities to learn his trade, in the gym and in the ring, and in the four months that followed the Grimmett defeat, he reeled off eight straight wins.

During one period in April, Mad Dog fought three successive Tuesday nights at Orlando Sports Stadium, where his slambang style was attracting a large following.

Ross's first scheduled 10-rounder came May 22, 1975, when he filled in as a sub against Larry Adkins in Cincinnati, only two days after fighting in Orlando. Mad Dog whacked out his Buckeye foe in six heats.

After winning again in Orlando, he got another shot at elusive conqueror Grimmett, and this time it was all Ross. Topping a card headlined by three eight-rounders, Mad Dog pounded Grimmett all over the ring, despite suffering a bad cut in the early going. The revenge win raised Ross's record to 18-1.

Next came a disputed draw in Las Vegas with Jimmy Jackson, who is the only man to defeat welterweight contender Pete Ranzany. Ross floored Jackson, and most ringsiders felt Mad Dog won easily, but it was a night of strange decisions as Quarry was declared a narrow loser against Pedro Soto in the main event.

With Ross maintaining such a busy ring schedule, his record changes every week or so. But at this writing, he had won nine straight since the draw with Jackson. He finished 1975 with five more Orlando bouts, including a caveman-like punch-out to win the Southern junior middleweight title from Taco Perez, December 9, in a match described by local writers as "the greatest fight ever seen in Central Florida." Of Ashlock's 20 Orlando cards last year, Mad Dog fought on 15 of them, as well as three of the first four shows in 1976.

Ross opened this year with a KO over Raul Aguirre in Orlando, then stopped Ruben Rascon in Albuquerque (where Ashlock promotes with Paul Chavez). Edgar returned to Orlando to halt Mike Whyms, then belted out veteran Jimmy Carter in Muncie, Indiana, to run his record to 27-1-1, with 19 KOs. And all that activity was just through the end of February!

The Mad Dog's March schedule was considerably tougher, if not any busier. He defended his Southern title against Tim Ford in Orlando, then boxed Jerry Hill a week later at Miami Beach before going home to headline a show in Tuscaloosa, on the University of Alabama campus.

But all that work, while not leaving time for much play, has not made Edgar Ross a dull boy. "Look, I have two loves in my life," explains a mature and reformed Mad Dog. "First is my dedication to the Lord, and second is boxing. Nothing else matters. I'm a happy and fulfilled man, and get more satisfaction from speaking at colleges and to church groups than I ever did when I was younger and crazier.

"I've long ago given up chasing women and boozing. I want to be junior middleweight champion of the world, and Lord willing, that's what I will be. If not, then I'll do whatever else the Lord wants me to do with my life."

Yes, fans, he really said that. Because yesterday's street-fighting redneck has no similarity at all to today's hard-fighting Mad Dog. Inside the ring, Ross hits and fights like a Rocky Marciano. But outside the ropes, he flashes his best Mac Davis grin and has a kind word for everybody. He might exceed last year's total of 18 fights (second only to Sean O'Grady) in 1976, and he might one day indeed be champion of the world.

But to the people of Orlando, and to himself, Edgar (Mad Dog) Ross is already a champion.

LEROY JONES KO'S BALLARD IN 4TH

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—Famed trainer Bobby Lewis. . .whose most noted pupil is Ron Lyle. . .brought three other proteges from his Denver Boxing Club stable to Bill Miller's Strip Fight of the Week.

The result was two wins and one loss for Bobby's boys.

In the main event, giant heavyweight Leroy Jones, 260, KO'd Jody Ballard, 204, of Houston, Texas at 1:43 of the fourth round.

A Ballard previous KO was by George Foreman last December in an upstate N.Y. hotel.

"Jones punches the same as Foreman," stated Ballard. "He hits just as hard. I think I better stop fighting these big guys."

Jones was in control throughout the fight, moving Ballard around the ring with strong left and right hooks and combinations in the first three rounds.

Early in the final round. . .Jones set Ballard up with three left hooks to the head. Two rights then connected to fell Ballard for the first of three knockdowns.

The second knockdown came from a combination that sent the hapless Ballard through the ropes. Ballard, untangling himself, tried to attack—and bounced off a shoulder block to the mat.

The third knockdown ended the fight—in accordance with the Nevada State Athletic Commission's 3-knockdown rule.

"Bobby called the knockdown punches to me," explained Jones after his victory. "We use certain signals. We call that one a 'Frankie'."

The win puts Jones impressive record at 16-0.

In the preliminaries, Ike Shipman, 152½, of Denver, proved to be trainer Lewis's only disappointment of the evening when he lost a 6-round decision to Roxelle Mosley, Jr., 152, of Las Vegas.

Lanky Billy Parks, 6'1" and 134 lbs. . .a lightweight with great potential (trained by Lewis in Denver). . .won a majority 6-round decision over Manny Lopez, 134, of Tucson, Arizona.

In a third preliminary, Roy Taylor, 122. . .of Aurora, Colo., won a 6-round decision over Politio Valdez, 119½, of Las Vegas.

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Maxie Rosenbloom, Ring Comic, Dies At 72

The late Maxie Rosenbloom, who gained international recognition as world light heavyweight champion on July 14, 1932, and lost the title on November 16, 1934, retired with 205 fights to his name.

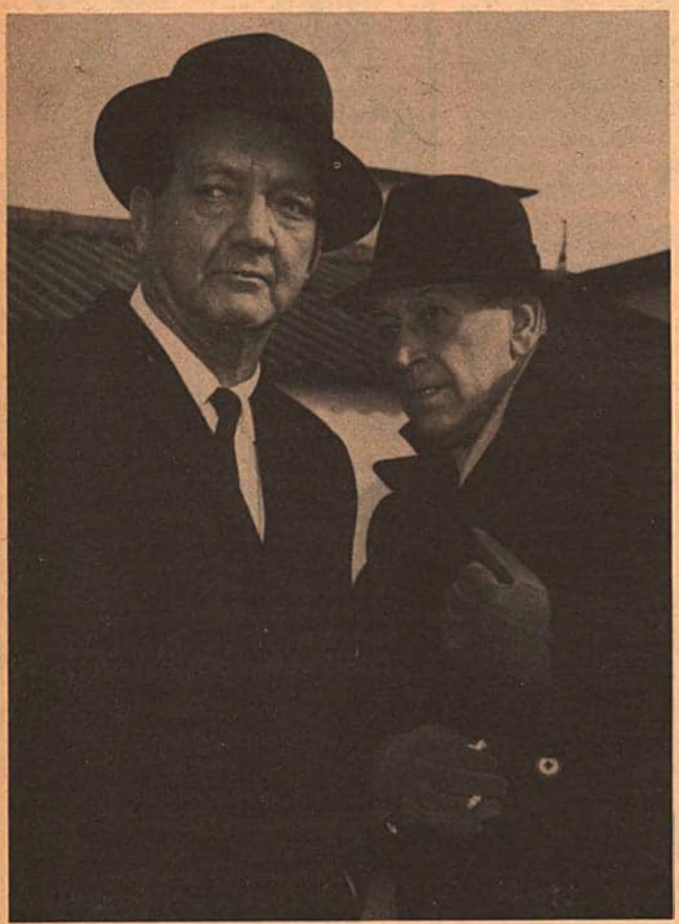
By SAM TAUB

SOME fighters are of the morose type. More of the killer instinct class. Some fighters believe that life is a bowl of cherries. They belong to the Take It Easy School.

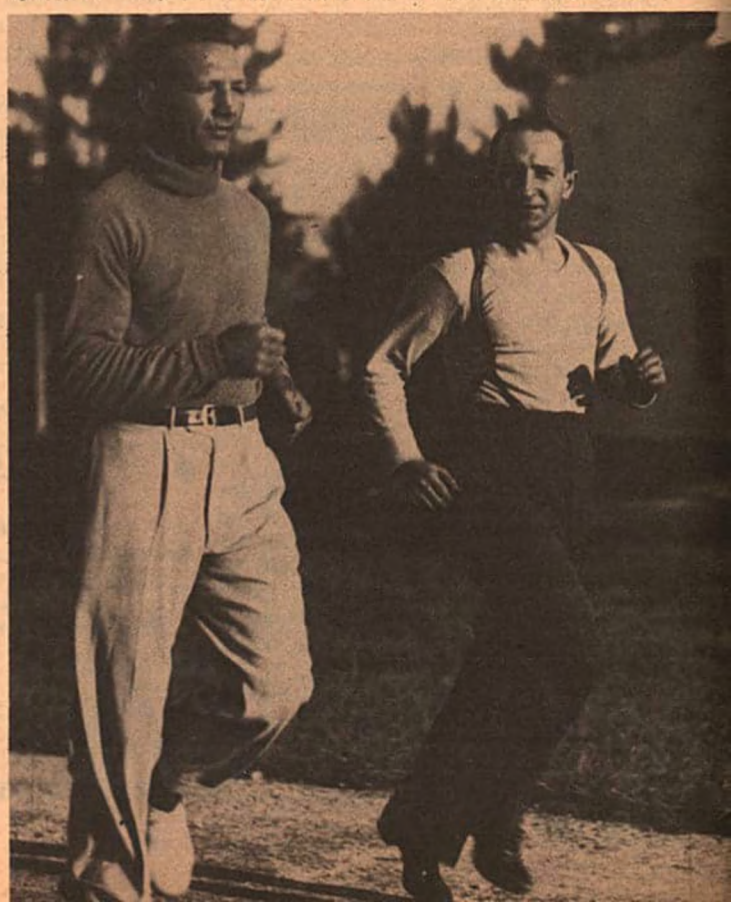
Maxie Rosenbloom, who won the light heavyweight championship of the world, was one of the Take It Easy group. Maxie had a smile on his face at all times. He was a great fighter, a clever boxer. There was a smile on Maxie's face when he died in a home for the mentally ill in Los Angeles on March 7, 1976, at the age of 72.

Maxie was a big favorite with the fans all over the country and kept extremely busy, with the result that he appeared in 289 fights. Altogether he won 205 fights, 18 by Kayos, 187 on decisions.

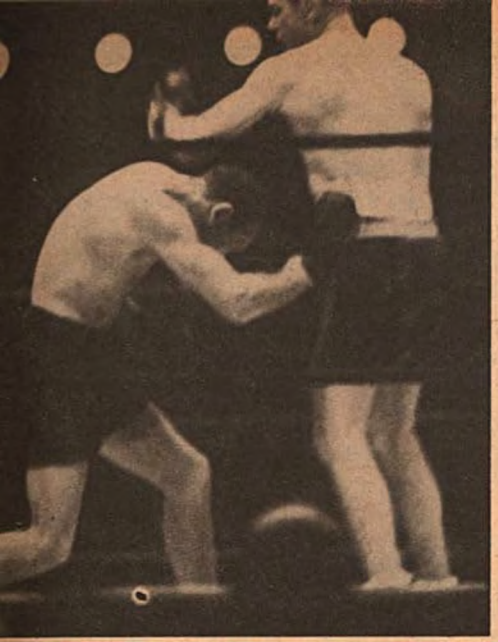
Rosenbloom won the New York light heavyweight title by outboxing the clever Jimmy Slattery, of Buffalo, and international recognition on July 24, 1932. Maxie lost the title to Bob Olin in the

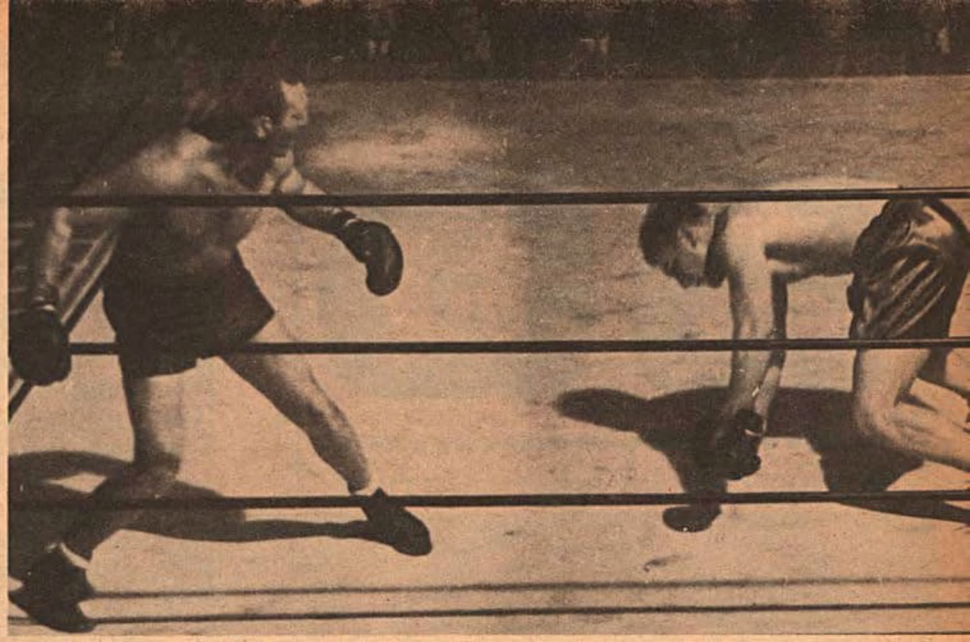


(Above) Maxie, left, is seen with actor George Raft on the set for the film "Two Guys Abroad." Upon retiring from boxing, Maxie spent a lot of time with his friends in the theatrical fraternity.

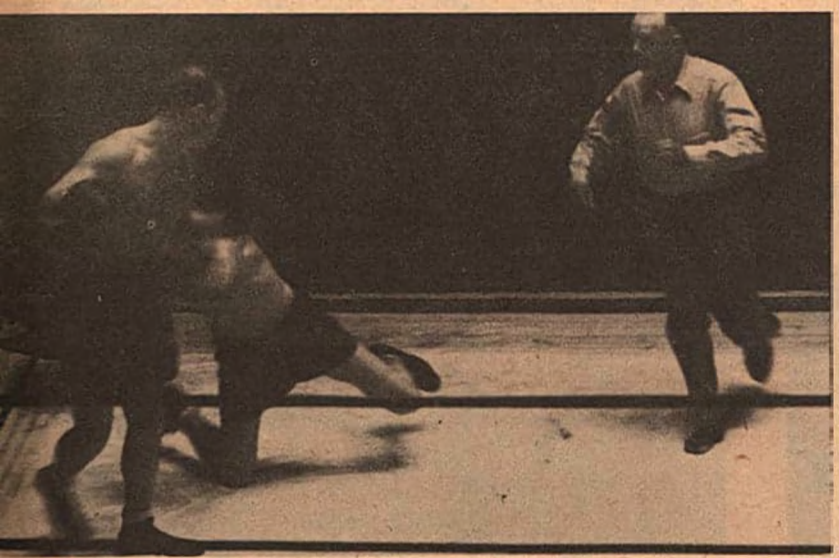


(Right) Maxie, left, and his trainer, Frankie Doyle, prepare for one of Rosenbloom's title defenses with some road work. Maxie was said to run three to four miles a day while in training.





(Above left) On June 25, 1930, Maxie Rosenbloom, left, beat Jimmy Slattery, in Buffalo, with a 15 round decision, to win the New York light heavyweight title. (Above right) Mickie Walker has Maxie down, but Rosenbloom came back to take the fight with a 15 round decision, on November 3, 1933, in New York City.



During his reign as light heavyweight champ, Maxie sent Lee Ramage to the mat, but only came away with a draw in the Los Angeles bout of June 26, 1934.

Al Ettore starts towards the canvas and a 10 count as Maxie cocks his right hand for another "slap." Ettore was KO'd in round three of the Los Angeles match, on June 27, 1939. This bout went into *The Ring Record Book* as Maxie's last professional fight.

8th Avenue Madison Square Garden on November 16, 1934, in a fifteen round bout.

There was considerable disagreement among those in the packed house as to whether Olin really had won the fight. The writer, who radioed the contest saw it the other way.

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One of the big bouts of his career came soon thereafter when he defeated John Henry Lewis, who later on became the world's light heavyweight champion.

Following the contest with Lewis, Rosenbloom met Tiger Jack Fox and Abe Feldman.

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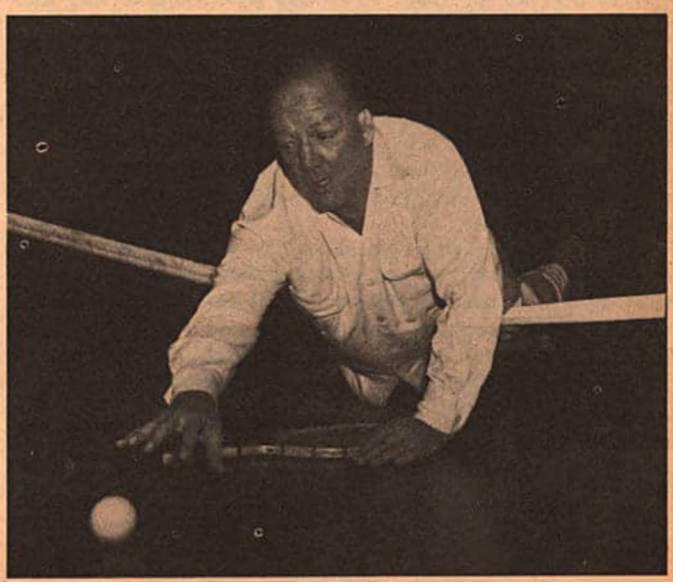

Maxie goes after the ball the hard way during the Theatre Tennis Tournament, a benefit for the American National Theatre and Academy, in which he and Rocky Graziano were matched against Frank Shields, Jr., and Sidney Wood, 3rd, age 10.

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DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AMATEUR AND PRO BOXING

Amateurs wear ten ounce gloves to the pros' six and eight ounce mitts.

The length of rounds for the sub-novices run two minutes each, while those for open round competition run three minutes each.

For all amateur matches, there are 20 points to a round with five judges doing the assessing. The referee has no say in the judging.

By SAM TAUB

CELEBRATING it's 50th anniversary since the Daily News started operation Golden Gloves back in 1927, a jam-packed crowd of 20,015 had Madison Square Garden rocking with excitement as it witnessed some hectic fireworks in a fine program that saw plenty of fireworks unleashed. The show began at 8 P.M. wound up in a blaze of glory with a heavy weight open battle, and closed at 11:45 pm.

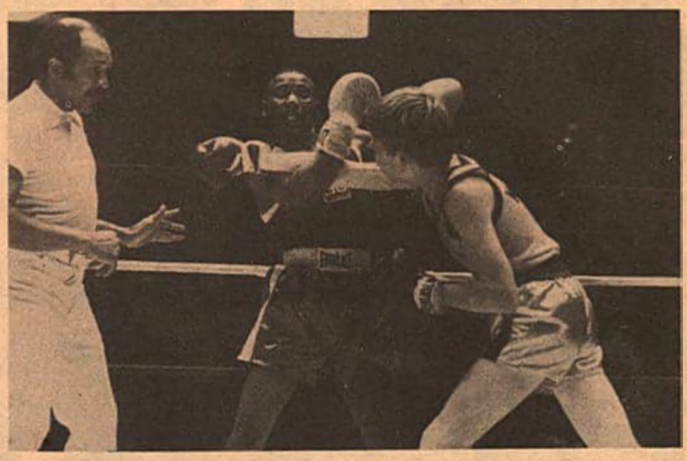
The New York News Charities affair, which got underway with a one round tko when the referee intervened to save Joe Mercado, of the Castle Hill A.C., from further punishment at the hands of Hector Torres, of the Morris Park A.C., the time given 2:06. That was the signal of the kind of action that would follow for the Garden fans, which included many celebrities.

Many surprises were in store before it was over. One was the three round open 112 pound thriller between James McNeece, of Islip Recreation, and Paul DeVoice, representing the Yonkers PAL. Badly outmauled for a round and a half, McNeece valiently battled back to gain a close decision over DeVorce. It was a whale of a slugfest with McNeece, who suffered a bloody nose in the opening round, never giving up as he carried the fight to his opponent. The boys got a standing ovation from the crowd at the finish. McNeece had previously lost twice to DeVorce.

Greg Reid, ducks a right from John Verderosa, of the Morris Park A.C., in the 126 lb. open. Verderosa won. Referee was Kim Suhovsky.

An unusual victory was registered by Howard Davis, of the Solar Sporting Club, who was opposing Robert Rodriguez of the Castle Hill A.C. , when he captured the 135 pound open crown. It marked the first time in the history of the Golden Gloves that any fighter had won four championships, he having been winner in the 126 pound sub-novice division in '73 and the 126 open title in '74 and '75.

The competition, which was keen and had the crowd whooping it up, was noticeable through most of the action. This was apparent in the 126 pound open which was captured by John Verderosa, of the PAL. at the expense of Greg Reid, of the Morris Park, A.C.



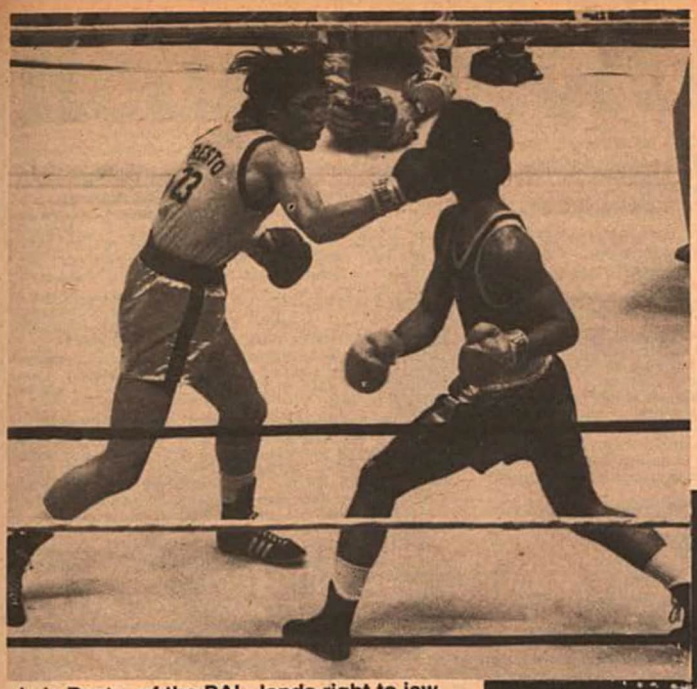
James McNeece, Islip Recreation, misses with a right in 112 pound open against Paul DeVorce, Yonkers pal, which McNeece won. Bill Savage was referee.

Another favorite, Luis Resto, of the PAL, who was battling Miguel Henandez, unattached, did a creditable job in scoring a decision victory in the 147 pound open.

Kenneth Bristol, wearing the PAL colors, had his hands full in registering a nip and tuck tussle with Guy Kennedy, of the Madison Square Boys Club, a real squeaker, in their 160 pound open duel.

In other open duels Julio Mateos, N.Y.C. Recreation, scored a third round knockdown to win the duke from Claudia Rivera, also of NYC

Howard Davis, Solar Sporting Club, misses with a left against Robert Rodriguez, Castle Hill A.C. Davis won by decision. The referee was Dick McGuire.



Luis Resto, of the PAL, lands right to jaw of Miguel Hernandez in the 147 pound open. Resto won.

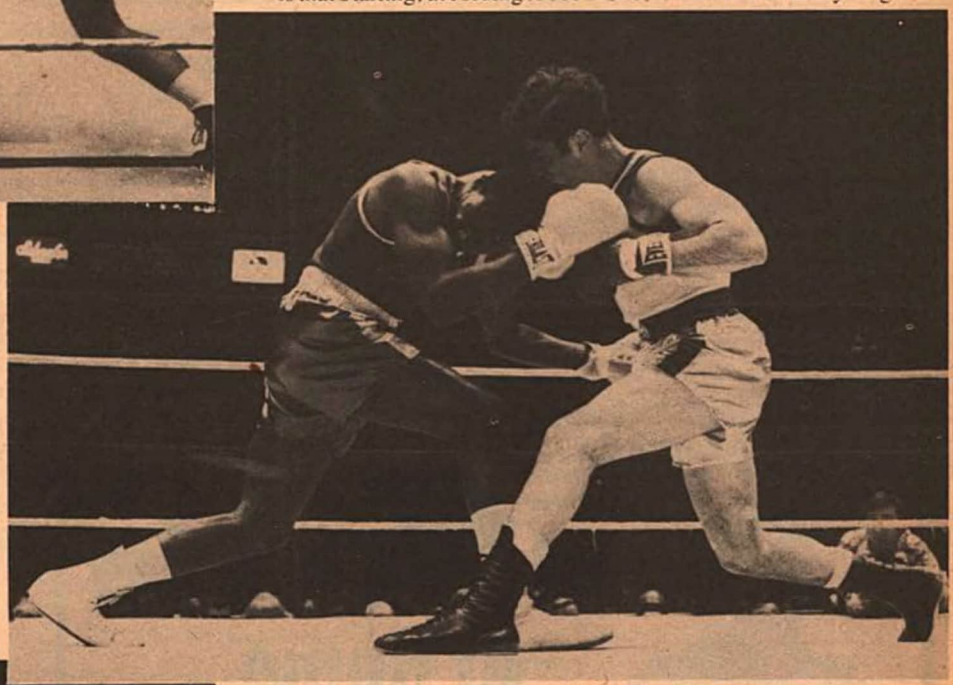
Recreation, but another outfit in the 106 pound division, while John Barreto, of the Lunar Boxing Club, took the decision over David Capo, of the Solar Boxing Club, in a slugfest in their 118 pound open tussle.

In other sub-novice scraps, Juan Laporte, of the Lunar Boxing Club, vanquished Ricky Brown, unattached, via a decision in the 112 sub-novice. . .Stanley Graham, NYC Recreation, scored the second and final tko. of the night in the 118 pound sub-novice at the expense of Joseph Nieto, of the PAL, time being 51 seconds. . .Clifford Lee, from NYC Recreation, outpointed Jose Lattalladi, Lunar Boxing Club, in the 147 pound sub-novice. Bill Tate, one-time middleweight pro, was the referee.

David Moore, of the Morrisiana Youth Center, clashed with Orval Deputy, from the PAL, in the 135 pound sub-novice, but the Deputy ran second. It was interesting. Both men fell to the canvas in round one, and in the last round Moore tried the Ali shuffle. At any rate, he was the winner. In the 160 pound sub-novice, Michael Creegan, of the Empire S.C., won the duke over Dave Sears, NYC Recreation, a good one too.

The 175 pound sub-novice turned out to a wild and wooly one between Paul Christiani, of West Point, with the Army man carrying through to victory over Clyde Vaughn, from the Peekskill Police Association, in the 175 pound sub-novice, the Cadet being the better performer and capturing the decision.

The finals in the 175 pound open was declared a bye with both principals being declared co-champions. This was because of an oddity. John Davis and Willie Starling, who were the principals, happened to be related, Davis being Starling's nephew. The further oddity is that Starling, according to Joe Davis, is a brother of heavyweight Bob



Clyde Vaughn, of the Peekskill Police Association, tries to block Paul Christiani, of West Point, in the sub-novice 175 pound class, which Christiani won.

Stalings, whom he manages. Also, Eddie Davis, a brother, to add to the mixup, is also a pro performer.

The heavyweight sub-novice and open closed the fine evening's show. In these affairs the referee happened to be a well known New York middleweight of yesteryear, Randy Sandy. However, the third man in the ring had no voice in the decisionsl that being left to the five judges—another novelty.

The sub-novice heavyweight clash was between Mitchell Green, fighting in the colors of the United Block Association, and Anthony Zampelli, of the Solar Sporting Club. These two had the crowd on edge as they started swinging with their fists, but Green began to move ahead in the seeond round and won the decision.

The final of the evening, the heavyweight open, turned out to be something to send the crowd home talking to themselves. Gerald Cooney, a giant representing the Huntington A.C., with height, reach and weight in his favor, battered his way over his game foeman, Earious Tripp, from the Lost Battalion, N.Y.C. Recreation. Tripp was beaten and also knocked down in losing to the giant, who looked like Duane Bobick, in size. It was a thrilling ending for the 50th Golden Gloves show.

Side notes: The Ring salutes T. Harold Forbes, Jr., and his fine staff on a job weel done. . .Acknowledgments from ringside letters from President Gerald R. Ford, Governor Hugh L. Carey and Mayor Abreham D. Beame. Many celebes in audience.

Gerald Cooney, representing the Huntington A.C., blocks a right lead by Earlous Tripp, representing the Lost Battalion. Cooney captured a decision in the havyweight open. Randy Sandy, an ex-New York middleweight, was the referee.

MATHATHO KEEPS S. AFRICAN HEAVY TITLE

By ED CLARK

Johannesburg, South Africa — Fraser Memela failed in his bid to recapture his heavyweight title as the holder James Mathatho who wrested the title from him mammered Memela to defeat in six rounds. Memmela looked the best for the first two rounds then faded in the face of a blistering attack and was a mere punchbag when his corner threw in the towel in the sixth round at the Alexandra Stadium.

Memela started well by attacking strongly in the first with lefts and rights to the face then switched to the body as Mathatho went on the defensive. Mathatho fought back strongly in the second with three powerful stomach blows that had Memela going back and Mathatho connected with hard blows that saw Memela fade rapidly.

Memela took a hammering in the next rounds and was floored for a count of 8 in the fourth. The gong came to his rescue. A sustained body attack resulted in the towel coming in from Memela's corner.

Thomas Sithebe attacked Paulos Twala with such venom that the fight in the featherweight division was stopped after 2 mins. 10 secs. in the first. Twala was floored and referee Christodoulou stopped the fight as he was in no condition to continue.

De Villiers Gonxeka TKO'ed Jackson Masango, 3, welters; Moses Mashigo and Wally van der Haer ended even, 4, lightweights; Shepherd Kievet decisioned Petrus Dladla, 4, feathers; Simon Thamae outscored Thomas Tsotetsi, 4, juniorvlightweights; Howard Motumi KO'ed Solomon Maremane, 3, feathers.

▲**Johannesburg** — Excited fans at the Ellis Park Tennis Stadium saw Kosie Smith come within an ace of beating top rated American Len Hutchins who won a "home town" decision over 10 rounds in the light heavyweight division. Smith deserved a draw in a thrill packed bout that had the crowd cheering themselves hoarse. Smith dropped Hutchins in the fifth for a count of nine with a right to the body and a smashing left hook to the head.

The American was let off the hood and his head cleared and he fought back strongly using short crisp blows and Hutchins even took the next round. Both fighters took heavy punishment and only their superb fitness saw them through. Smith was the harder hitter but Hutchins the more stylish boxer. Hutchins was cut over the left eye in the second and Smith was cut over the left eye in the first round. Smith's cut deteriorated in the eighth that the referee Stan Christodoulou stopped the fight to examine it.

Smith scored well to take the first even though Hutchins was slipping many of the blows and in the second Smith launched an attack with smashing lefts and rights to Hutchins' face. Smith was warned for a low blow in the third and Hutchins was coming to the fore with crisp left jabs and short rights. The fifth was a big one for Smith as he dropped Hutchins but the visitor took the aggression in the next two rounds as he carried the fight to Smith and particularly directed his blows to Smith's injured eye. Smith recovered somewhat in the eighth and this boxer is most dangerous when hurt or the odds against him and Hutchins had to fight every step of the way for his points.

Smith fought desperately in the ninth but was warned for a kidney punch and Hutchins matched his opponent blow for blow even knowing he was up against a harder puncher.

Smith landed two good rights in the last round but Hutchins countered with snappy left jabs and rights.

Hutchins stated that Smith was the hardest hitter he's encountered even harder than Galindez.

Big Mike Schutte, the S. African heavyweight champion won in the sixth round against Obie English of the U.S.A. when English slipped in the fight and sprained his left ankle and was carried to his corner.

A doctor was called and after examination, it was ruled English was not fit to continue.

The fight was marred by much mauling, clinches and a number of fouls mostly committed by Schutte. English was no sucker as Schutte chooses to bore into his opponent with flailing fists so English kept the bout at long range and scored with lefts and rights to the body. Schutte fought in spurts and often had English on the retreat. The fight deteriorated in the next few rounds with referee Peter Lock having a hard job controlling the fighters and separating them. English was guilty of holding and Schutte guilty of butting. Schutte was getting on top with long range round swings when the untimely end occurred.

Johnny Sham an up and coming welterweight prospect won an easy 8 round decision over Barry Sponagle who hails from Canada. The shorter Canadian was unable to escape the jabbing of Sham and when this happened round after round the fight become monotonous.

Louis Fourie TKO'ed Johnny Nel, 3, welters; Fred Berry decisioned Anton Retief, 4, middleweights.

▲**Johannesburg** — Dirk van der Westhuizen successfully retained his junior welterweight title by knocking out Andre Nel in the second round. It was a crashing left hook to the head that came 2 minutes 53 seconds of the second round. Nel was floored in the first but resumed then was knocked cold as the Wembley Ice Rink Stadium where the fight was held.

The 7,000 fans did not come to see the tc[illegible]r but the new heavyweight prospect Gerrie Coetzee [illegible]t former champ and the man who recently drew with Henry Clark. It was one way traffic as the new rookie Coetzee boxed rings around Richards and clearly won the six round decision. Richards was cut over the left eye and was dropped with a short right in the third. Richards was a shadow of his former self and Coetzee dominated the fight being the faster and quicker to the punch. Jimmy used his experience to hold, clutch and clinch but Coetzee showed vash improvement with a variety of blows and had the fans behind his every move. Coetzee took it easy in the fourth only but in the rest he hammered his man.

Jan Kies, middleweight champion, gained a four rounds points win over Eddie Scott. Kies, a dynamic hitter was badly off target against an opponent who is still in the preliminary ranks. Scott however made the champ fight hard for his win.

Kalie Knoetze, another heavyweight prospect making his debut polished off Jeff Ellis in the second. Ellis was battered in the first and the right uppercut that KO'ed him nearly took his head from his shoulders.

Sias Bosch decisioned Johan de Beer, 4, middleweights; Harold Volbrecht KO'ed Apie Smith, 2, welters; Eddie Mileham decisioned Johan Burger, 4, lightweights.

▲**Cape Town** — Patrick Khohli scraped home with a narrow decision over Xhanti Singhapi over 8 rounds at the Gugulethu Civic Hall in the junior lightweight division. Khohli boxed below form and Singhapi kept on at him giving no respite. Khohli came to the fore from the sixth with a full scale attack on his opponent getting a reply of left hooks. Singhapi was warned on many occasions for holding and ducking low. Khohli's timing was also way off in an untidy display.

Boswell Zona decisioned Phillip Masemola, 6, lightweights; Joshua Plaatjies TKO'ed Gladman Koni, 3, lightweights; Sipo Mange decisioned Fezile Mzalazala, 6, bantams; Monde Sibaca outpointed Johannes Shawana, 4, feathers and in another featherweight bout Sazi Xhambashe decisioned James Jacobs.

▲**Short Jabs** — Overtures have been made to heavyweight champion Mike Schutte that if he retains winning form he could tangle with Muhammad Ali before the year is out.

1976 Ring Record Book Correction

Page 635, in the record of Bobby Rascon, shows a 1974 bout between Rascon and Jackie Smith, in Boston, with a KO by 2. This bout is a printer's error and should be deleted from Rascon's record. The other 1974 fights are correct.

Correction: 1976 Ring Record Book

Delete in the record of Bill Carson, on page 516, his six round defeat to Ray Hart in Philadelphia. Add to his record: Dec. 17, Mike Schutte, Durban, KO by 3.

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JOHN WILBURN, MARYLAND'S FIGHTING STEVEDORE

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Capital Centre, and in John's last 1975 outing, he stopped Oliver Lewis after five rounds. Opening up this year, John stopped the crafty veteran Sugar Moore in five rounds at the new Painter's Mill—again, the Wilburn trademark was evident—strong body punching with the head falling.

"My idols are both Ali and Frazier," explained John, "but right now it looks like I'm going more towards the Frazier side."

"John has the most potential of anyone I've seen at this stage in the last 25 years," said manager De Angelis while his protege wandered off to the showers. "Barring accident he should make it to the top."

De Angelis added that matching his fighter has proved to be quite a problem. At 168 pounds, John is somewhat small to tangle with the bigger light heavyweights, but middleweights seeing John's size and strength are reluctant to fight as well.

One temporary solution which De Angelis proposes is a match against either Casey Gacic or Mike Rossman. Gacic and Rossman recently fought to a draw here and De Angelis thinks John would do well against either fighter. "A match like this would be a promoter's dream—there will be lots of action and it will sell tickets because John has a big following."

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Retire tomorrow.

My name is Mike Warren, and I'm happy to say I don't worry about bills anymore. Oh, I used to grind and sweat and swear, too, when the first of the month rolled around...let this go another month, pay a little on that. Payday was "exchange day." In fact, I was so busy working for everybody else that I never had time to work for myself!

Sound familiar? For most of us life is a day-to-day struggle...a losing effort to get ahead of car payments, mortgage payments, insurance payments...payments for groceries, gas, dry cleaning, tuition, clothing. Payments, payments, payments...it goes on and on. Where does it end? Like the Red Queen in *Alice in Wonderland*, the faster we go, the behinder we get.

But, as I say, all that is behind me now. These days I spend my time as *I* like...because *I've found the secret of lasting success.*

And the success I have enjoyed since I came across this "secret" has brought me something that used to exist only in my daydreams: Money...with a capital "M." More money than I ever saw before. Money to buy what I need and to fulfill my family's needs. Money to go where I want. Money to do things I've never done before.

For example, I've started to explore the world I live in. Not long ago my wife and I visited the Virgin Islands...sort of a second honeymoon. A couple of months later I took my kids to Disney World and, more recently, spent a few lazy weeks in sunny Acapulco. Next...well, who knows? Maybe Bali, or the Riviera, or Hong Kong. It doesn't really matter, because I can afford to leave any time...and go first class.

But most days I'd rather work on my sports car, or play tennis at the country club, or take my youngsters to the zoo, or just loaf around the pool. Not bad for someone with a high school education, eh?

This has been going on for over four years now—ever since I quit my old job to start living my life the way *I* want to. And—thanks to my "secret"—I now have all the money I'll ever need.

Most men, it is said, lead lives of quiet desperation. I'm writing this because I've *seen* that look of anguish and despair on the faces of people—good, honest, law-abiding people, slaving away at dead-end jobs they hate...punching clocks that kill the spirit and deaden the soul...watching helplessly as runaway inflation gobbles up what's left of their savings. I know that look well...it says, "There *must* be more to life than this!"

I'm the first to admit that money isn't everything. But who would deny that money can free a person to discover for himself the most important things in life? And so the other day it occurred to me that I might be able to help some of those people who are looking for a way out...and maybe help myself in the bargain. All I would have to do, I figured, is to put my "secret" on paper and sell it for a profit. I reasoned that people would have to be crazy not to part with a few dollars if I could show them the road to immediate retirement...with enough money to do what they want for the rest of their lives. A vacation, new clothes, a car...or just more time with the family. Pennies from heaven during a recession!

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You don't need a Ph.D. in accounting in order to understand these amazing "tricks of the trade." In fact, you don't even need an eighth-grade education to breeze through my "secret." All you must do is follow some simple rules (strictly!) that can put more money in your pockets than you ever dreamed of.

But don't take my word for it. See for yourself. I'll be happy to send you one of my copies of *4 for a Fortune*. Just clip and mail the coupon below and enclose $10. Read *4 for a Fortune* at your leisure...then give these four little systems a try. If you aren't well on your way to retirement in just 30 days, let me know... I'll return your $10 immediately, no questions asked.

So if you've ever said to yourself, "...tomorrow...next week...next year...as soon as we get caught up...." *then stop dreaming and act now.* How old do you want to be before you start living the way you *want* to? The way I do?

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Frank Rosenfeld

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BENITEZ TAKES JR. WELTER TITLE FROM CERVANTES

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Fighting against a man as tall and as rangy as himself, and with greater reflexes and agility, was too much for the Colombian to cope with. Benitez won because of his left jab, but he was effective with rights also.

"Cervantes took his opponent too lightly and paid the consequences," said Panamanian referee Isaac Herrera after the fight.

"Everybody thought I was crazy when I accepted this fight for my son, but I proved that Cervantes is on the way down," added Gregorio Benitez, father-manager of the new champion.

With this victory Puerto Rico now has three title holders. Within a nine month period Angel Espada conquered welterweight honors (WBA version), Alfredo Escalera conquered the junior lightweight title (WBC version), and now Benitez a WBA version which is also RING recognized. He is therefore entitled the coveted RING championship belt.

If this Puerto Rican title streak continues, Samuel Serrano, who will face Ben Villaflor at a later date for the junior lightweight title, will have the opportunity to join the bandwagon.

De Jesus was also featured on this program and looked quite sharp in scoring a two round kay over Valiente Ramos. Ramos was dropped on three occasions forcing the referee to call a halt. This was scheduled for ten.

A third bout also listed for ten saw highly ranked Dominican lightweight Hector Julio Medina score a two round kayo over the inept Lamar Vazquez, of Mexico.

Certainly a bad night for Mexican trial horses.

In an opening eight round bout unbeaten lightweight Carlos Soto scored a close eight round decision over Felix Pagan.

In another eight rounder Juan Berbere scored a unanimous decision over Gino Febus.

The gate was officially given as $199,920.00, with a 17,200 assistance, but there were easily 20,000 fans watching the event. It is estimated that falsified tickets to the tune of 3,000 were distributed.

Benitez, who was paid $7,500, versus $100,000, for Pambele, would like to meet John Stracey or Angel Espada for the welter title next.

The new champ cried with joy on his father's shoulder after the encounter and stated, "I want to dedicate this victory to my wonderful mother and dad."

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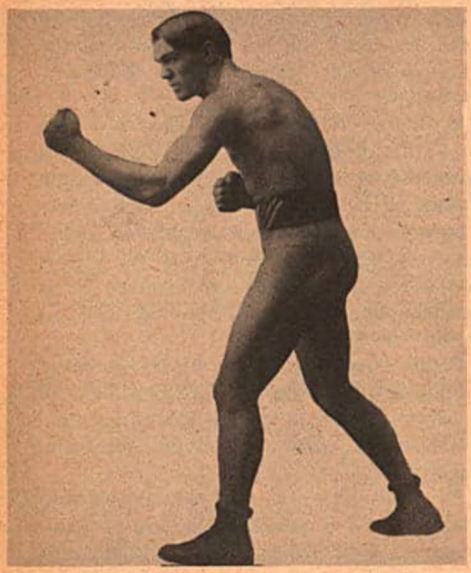
By SAM TAUB



Former bantam and featherweight king, Terry McGovern, who fought at the turn of the century.

RECEIVED an unusual letter from a young man whose name is Kory McGovern. Name familiar? You're right. He says he is a great grandson of the former bantam and featherweight king, Terry McGovern, Brooklyn's great performer of the turn of the century. Kory is anxious to find out about his famous relative. We never saw Terry box, but did watch his brothers Hughey and Philly in three round bouts in New York City.

Terry McGovern was the first idol I had in boxing, long before we knew we'd become associated with the sports world and later with Radio and TV. We knew his managers, the late Sam Harris, of theatrical fame, and the one and only Joe Humphreys, the gentleman with the famous ring voice.

Kory, whose address is Morning Star Boys' Ranch, Rt. 3, Box 781-A, Spokane, Wash., 99203, says he has taken up amateur boxing and perhaps may eventually become a pro. Incidentally, he's 14 years old. The old Brooklyn newspapers and even New York City papers carried plenty about this youngster's great relative. If anybody's around that can enlighten him about Terry, he'd appreciate it. Incidentally, Kory's supervisor, Joseph Lucosso, thinks highly of the McGovern relative.

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Congratulations to Floyd Patterson, twice heavyweight king, upon his appointment by Governor Hugh L. Carey to a place on the N.Y. State Athletic Commission, of which James A. Farley, Jr., is again chairman. Floyd takes the place of Kenneth N. Sherwood, retired, working with Farley and the other member, who was Manual Gonzalez. The youngest man ever to win the heavyweight crown is also busy with his TV broadcasting and with developing youngsters who are being taught boxing, with an eye to joining the amateur ranks and eventually becoming pros.

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Tehy brought a birthday cake in honor of the 47 years of married life of Solly Seeman, former Coast junior lightweight boss, and his wife Rose, at the Ring #8 affair. It also helped celebrate, belatedly, Solly reaching the age of 74. Solly, who was on the Dais for the Ring #8 shindig, and his wife turned out with an extra dance or two on the floor and they sure know how to glide.

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Marvin Goldberg, popular figure on the sports beat, is really being kept busy. Marvin's business is an eye doctor with Pildes at 111 Nassau St., but he's deep in other affairs connected with the sports world. Truth to tell, Marvin managed such fighters as Oscar Bonavena, the South American heavyweight, among others and is now sponsoring a young prospect in Young Larry Stanton, a lightweight from Merrick, L.I. Also he's made headway as a ring announcer at boxing shows, in the Garden and Felt Forum and the Long Island Arena in Commack, L.I.

Best of all, Goldberg has made strides in the broadcasting world. His program comes from WHBI on L.I. and is heard every Saturday morning from 1 to 1:15 A.M. His show, which has plenty of listeners, not only covers the fight beat, but takes in virtually all other sports. Among the recent greats on the show were John Condon, P.R. Director for Madison Square Garden Center, ex-heavyweight kings Joe Frazier and Floyd Patterson, and the always popular Yankee, Joe DiMaggio.

By the way, Marvin's son Robert, who used to sing our National Anthem in the Garden and Felt Forum, will become a benedict in August.

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Cpl. Izzzy Schwartz, crack flyweight champion of his era, one time president of that outfit, was talking to us at Ring #8 about the old boxing law in Bangor, Portland, and other Maine spots. They had twelve round bouts, but the law permitted only six rounders. These men would box six rounds, leave the ring and after a few minutes would return to the scene of action for the second six spot.

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His name is Eric Moolman. His address is 1001 City Heights, Broad Street, Durban, 4001, South Africa. He's a real fight buff. Up to now he claims to have amassed over 300 autographs of boxing celebrities including many of the great champions of yesteryear from the days of Tommy Burns, including Dempsey, Louis, Tunney, Carpentier, Marciano. . .You name them he has them. Says he'll welcome any more who wish to accommodate him. He asks us to kindly mention him in our column and request autographed pictures of present day or other fighters of yesteryear.

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Petey Burns, a member of Ring #8, bantam and feather out of Ravenswood, Long Island City, who boxed from 1927 to 1933, was, managed by Brother Flaherty, son of the late Simon Flaherty, who was partners in the Queensboro Arena, famous Long Island City Arena, where he was associated with the late Paddy Mullins. Paddy, incidentally, managed great performers like the late middleweight king, Mike O'Dowd, the famous Panther, Harry Wills, little Sammy Cohen, East Side flyweight, and many others. Incidentally, Simon Flaherty and his brother Gene raised fighting cocks and fighting bull terriers. Petey is well liked.

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Ex-light heavy champ Billy Conn has been hired as executive assistant to Allegheny, Pa., County Commission Chairman Jim Flaherty.

PROBABLY the most traveled boxing personality today is Angelo Dundee—who handles the training chores of Muhammad Ali—Angelo awaits word from Ali's manager, Herbert Muhammad—and off he goes . . .Between jaunts with Ali—Dundee has his own active stable of top notch battlers ready to go at a minute's notice for action in any arena around the country. . .He also trains and co-manages W.B.A. welter champ, Angel Espada along with Martin Montana—has a youngster in Juan Hidalgo—on his way up the fistic ladder—and middleweight Vinnie Curto, who has been boxing the iron in the division. . .Former featherweight champion Willie Pep was picked up at Kennedy Airport by Tony Licata and manager Lou Viscusi for their bout in Paris with Jean Mateo—Pep, you will recall, was managed by Viscusi and trained by the late, great Bill Gore, who worked with all of Lou's fighters over the years. . .Joe Frazier (manager) and Eddie Futch (trainer) of "white hope" Duane Bobick, ex-Navy heavyweight champion, and the lad who had such a sensational amateur career before joining the "punch for pay ranks" have high hopes for Bobick, and figure he will be the heavyweight champion of the world within the next two years . . .All the effort these two fellows have put into Bobick's career should pay off, with a bit of luck—you always need that "bit of luck". . .Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City promoter Pat's son, was demolished by ringwise veteran Danny "Little Red" Lopez on the Coast, but young Sean will be back. . .Lopez picked 12 grand for his winning effort, and young Sean, a high school senior, did all right—earning his biggest payday to date, a whopping $10,000. . .dad, Pat told him—"We'll see how his school work is going before he fights again". . .wise move. . .In a surprise move in Los Angeles, former featherweight king, Bobby Chacon announced his retirement—his wife Val, has been urging Bobby to give up boxing for some time now. . .When Muhammad Ali boxed those three exhibitions in Memphis, the "referee" was Sugar Ray Robinson. . .Dominic Consentino, 62, a former manager of middleweight Stanley "Kitten" Hayward (he's had many of them)—and for many years an assistant wrestling and boxing promoter, died in Reading, Pa. . .Andy Gregory, who managed featherweight Lulu Perez in his heyday in the fifties, is confined to a wheelchair at his home in East Islip, N.Y.—He would like to hear from his many friends in boxing. . .Congratulations to my buddy, Angelo Dundee, who has been elected to the Florida Sports Hall of Fame—who else—Angie has and is a great one. . .The Ron Lyle-George Foreman slugfest—which many laymen say was good for boxing—reminded me of a couple of "curtain raisers" and proved that Foreman just can't seem to build up enough stamina to go over five or six rounds against a formidable foe. . .The P.A.L. Gym has closed in San Francisco and now the town has but one gym left—the Newman-Herman Gym on Leavanworth St.—but neither Billy Newman or my pal, Joe Herman (now 77) figure they will get rich—as there just aren't that many fighters around anymore. . .Former heavyweight contender of the forties, Jimmy Bivins of Cleveland, toiled for the Laub Baking Co., in that city, driving and selling for 18 years—they went out of business a couple of years ago, and he was hired by the Dan Dee Potato Chip Co. as a driver-salesman—He is now talking about retiring from that job—claims he saved most all of his "coins" from his boxing days—mainly lived off of earnings from regular jobs he held down during his long and illustrious career—Jimmy was recognized as "interim champ", while Joe Louis did his stint in the U.S. Army, during the "Big Clambake," W.W. II. . .remember that one?? Jesus Pimental, former ranking fighter on the West Coast a few years back, has opened a gym in Los Angeles. . .A brand new boxing movie is being made in that city called Rocky, featuring actor Burgess Meredity. . .watch for it. . .Good to hear that Bob Satterfield, who could sock with the best of them, but unfortunately had a "touch of porcelain" in his chin, is recovering in Chicago after being a sick pup for a spell. . .Lou Gross was "in the corner" with Bill Daly's heavyweight Jose "King" Roman for his bout with Jimmy Young in Puerto Rico, on the Ali-Coopman card. . .what's a Coopman?? There is a good possibility that a movie will be made on the life of Young Stribling, former heavyweight contender of years gone by, based on Jimmie Jones book—"King Of The Canebrakes" . . .Jimmy is the noted Macon, Ga., author—(Thanks for the copy Jimmie.)—Max Baer, Jr., former star of the TV program "Beverly Hillbillies," and son of the late champion, Max, is now producing movies, his latest being "Macon County Line.". . .For a grand finale—before retiring—Muhammad Ali will take on Japanese Super-star Inoki, in a mixed match—in Tokyo for a cool million bucks—this is nothing new for a top boxer—Jack Dempsey took on Cowboy Luttrell (wrestler) in Atlanta, Ga., many years ago for a measly $5,000—Tony Galento boxed wrestler Fred Blassie in Omaha for $2,500—sooooo Ali and Inoki—well it should be interesting and sell an awful lot of tickets—and isn't that the name of this game?? Wrestling is big at Madison Square Garden where Vince McMahon is the promoter. . .Vince's father, Jess McMahon, was Tex Rickard's matchmaker, and there is still another Vince McMahon, Vince's son, who has become the best TV wrestling commentator in the country. . .Millionaire Pete Ashlock is rapidly becoming the big name in boxing in the Southwest and Florida—Pete has 35 fighters under contract to fill cards at Orlando, Fla., Albuquerque, New Mexico and Houston, Texas—Chris Dundee has had to "tap" Ashlock's resources to make up his cards at Miami Beach—for "name" boys Chris Dundee has apparently run dry—Brother Angelo is developing a lot of talent, but not ready for main bout shows at the Beach. . .Lightweight Frankie Otero is no longer main event material. . .heavyweight James Summerville was shot and killed while robbing a grocery store. . .And age has overcome the likes of Jimmy Ellis, Luis Rodriguez and Florentino Fernandes.

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ELISHA OBED; NEXT MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPION?

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next adventure on the Ivory Coast in Africa with Sea Robinson who is a well-rated junior middleweight."

At this point Mike Dundee broke into the interview. He said, "Obed could turn out to be one of the finds of the decade and could be a very stimulating middleweight.

"To develop Obed to the point he now has achieved has taken patience.

"One of the big faults which Fleischer had to overcome in Elisha was a tendency to be out of balance. It took a lot of hard work, but Moe was up to it and got the young man straightened away.

"Obed will take on anybody just so long as the proposed opponent has Moe's approval.

"Obed's fight with de Olivieres in Paris was a very new experience for him, as he never before had been in France. He made a big hit there, not only as a fighter, but also as a personality.

"Obed does not look like a fighter. He has a baby face and is a real pussycat, but let that left go to work and the pussycat becomes a tiger. He looks like and fights very much like Roberto Duran, of Panama, the world lightweight champion."

When Fleischer was asked if Obed came from a fighting family, he replied, "There is going to be an interesting story in addition to that of Obed before long. Elisha has an eleven-year-old brother who is the juvenile champion of Nassau. When that kid grows up he is going to be a wonder. His name is Juan. Imitating Obed, he has been in eighteen fights with opponents in the 17 and 18 year old brackets."

Now Fleischer no longer could suppress jumping back to his old days when, among other enterprises, he ran the Ridgewood Club in Brooklyn. He developed Rocky Graziano, Sandy Saddler, Kid Chocolate and many other fighters who eventually became greats. He did not approve of those million dollar purses. Rather, he liked the days when battlers fought out of hunger.

"Take the case of Cervantes, who not so long ago picked up $140,000 for a fight and has yet to see New York," said Mike Dundee.

"I disagree with experts who deplore the fact that we have the WBA and the WBC fighting each other. I like that situation. It makes for greater international interest and greater competition."

Here Mike returned to Obed. "Obed is the stalker type. He shuffles in and he loves to slug. He won't let an opponent get set.

"He is admirably built for his job, at a height of six feet.

"Obed has not had enough exposure. Now he is going to get a lot of it.

"Elisha wants to fight every two months and he is not in favor of non-title contests. He has fought as many as two battles in a month, and is never out of shape. He is a strong follower of the school of running.

"Obed never has been cut and shows no facial marks of his profession. Only twice in his career has he been staggered."

Moe picked up a few Obed traits. "Elisha loves the road to the savings bank. I took him to Tucson and he knocked out the local favorite. The fans tossed what the English call nobbins into the ring. I started to pick up the dough and Elisha complained. He said, 'I made that money. It is mine,' and he picked up fourteen dollars. I liked that.

"There was another matter in which he showed that he did not forget once he had been warned. I told him how, when I had Kid Chocolate in the Garden the first time, the opening bell rang and the Cuban turned around to watch the cornermen remove the chair. The guy fighting the Kid pasted him in the jaw and down went Chocolate. It never happened to the Kid again, and it never has happened to Elisha. He learns fast, and he never forgets once he had been warned!"

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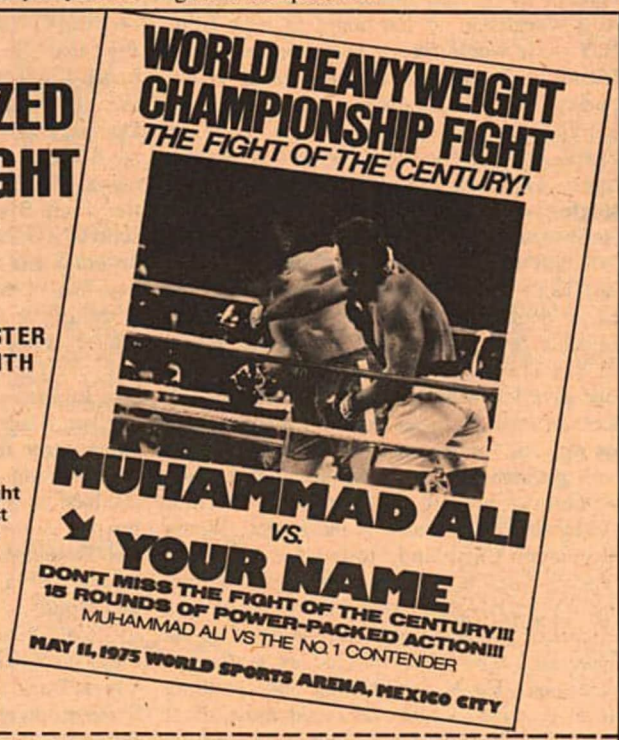

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JIMMY YOUNG WINS 10 ROUND DECISION OVER ROMAN

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

Rapidly rising Puerto Rican bantam Wilfredo Gomez continued his winning ways when he scored a knockout victory over Cornel Hall of Canada in the third round of a scheduled ten round event. Cornel gave it everything he had in the first three heats, but could not keep up with the tremendous pace that Wilfredo had established from the beginning. Similar to his recent outing with ranked Puppy Hernandez, Gomez displayed everything that is required to make a champ. He jabbed, hooked and sidestepped with the skill of a veteran and when the moment of the kill presented itself, he was there to take every advantage of it.

Former world bantam title holder Sixto Escobar, who was sitting next to this writer was quick to remark, "In my many years of association with this sport I have never seen anyone in this division to approximate this boy's talent at such an early age."

Gomez is seventeen years old and undefeated in the pro ranks. As an amateur he travelled to Cuba with this writer and garnered a gold medal in the First World's Amateur Tournament, celebrated in Havana in 1974. At that time he scored over the best that Cuba and the nations behind the Iron Curtain had to offer.

Number two heavyweight Jimmy Young won a ten round decision over Joe "King" Roman. Many had this one tabbed as a quick kayo victory for Young in preparation for an encounter with Muhammad Ali in San Jose, Costa Rica. Joe, however, proved to have an ample supply of guts to stick it out the full ten against his heavy thumping opponent who was not able to floor him.

It was quite an affair for Puerto Rico having Muhammad down here. Everyone knew that the Coopman thing was going to be more or less of an exhibition, but no one complained. Muhammad achieved the biggest laugh when with the bout only seconds old he gently passed his gloved hand over Coopman's butt while in a clinch.

Jimmy Young's victory over King Roman was jeered, however, because of his inability to show the punching prowess or skill that was expected of him.

The biggest hand of the evening was reserved for the incomparable Jack Dempsey.

Title holders present included Antonio Cervantes, Angel Espada as well as former titleholder Sixto Escobar and Jose "Chegui" Torres. Escobar was reminiscing about the time that Jack Dempsey first came down to referee one of his title matches here in San Juan. "That was about forty years ago and Jack was paid a cool $5,000 for his participation" stated Sixto.

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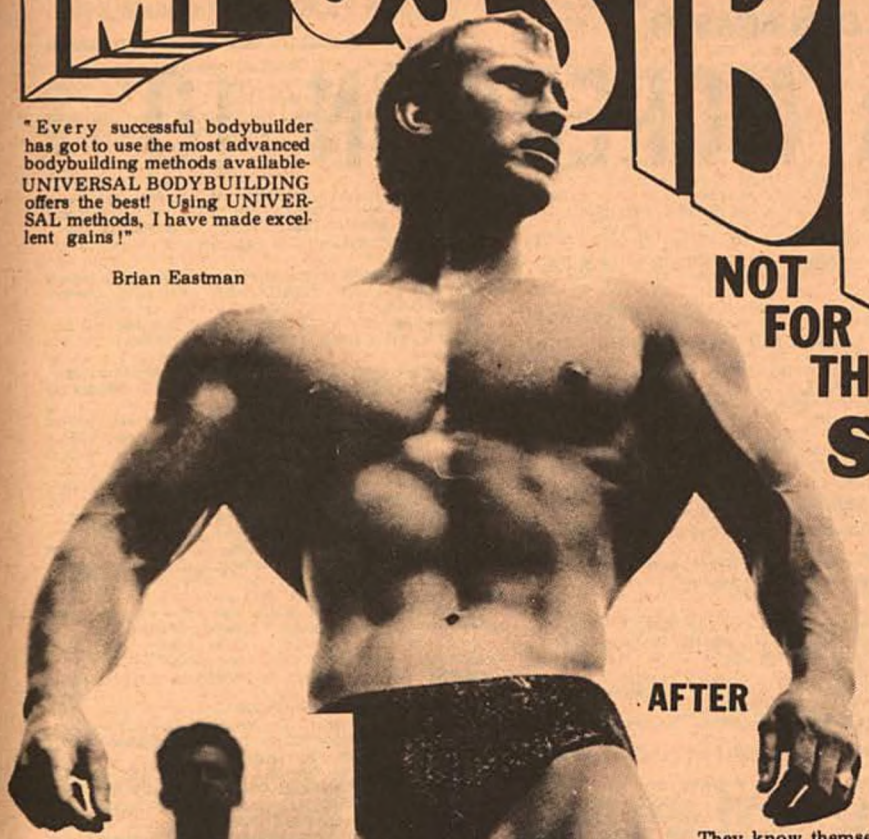

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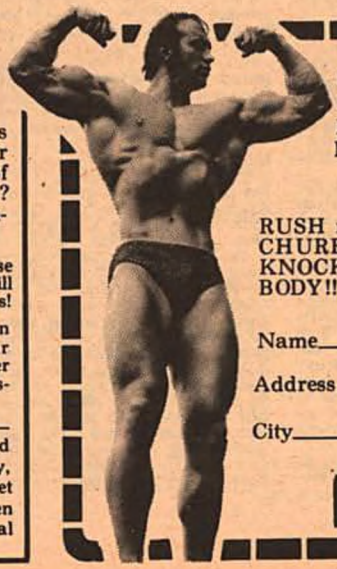

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRASER

HAFEY KO's MORENO IN 10

Featherweight Irish Art Hafey KO'd Rodolfo Moreno in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES — Irish Art Hafey had to scramble back from a fourth round knockdown to over-take Mexico's Rodolfo Moreno in their main event at the Olympic Auditorium.

Hafey, a 5-1 choice, finally caught up with the tough Mexican early in the tenth round and finished him off with a booming left hook.

Both fighters had cut eyes during the course of battle. For Hafey, it was win number 52 against seven losses. Moreno now has a 9-2 record. Art weighed 126 as did Moreno.

The gate was $5970, of which Hafey received $1500.

Roy Hernandez, 123, Los Angeles, dec. over Jose Navarette, 123, Mexico, (10); Zeffie Gonzales, 146, Montebello, dec. over Gil Pedroza, 149, Los Angeles, (6).

▲SACRAMENTO—Before a sellout gathering of 4900 folks, local favorite Pete Ranzany, 146, captured his most important win when he outpointed New York's Adolfo Viruet, 147, at Memorial Auditorium.

Under the promotion of Babe Griffin, the gate totaled $32,958, best in years in the Capital City.

A smart boxer with plenty of power, the 23-year-old Italian won seven of the ten rounds.

With the victory, went the North American Boxing Federation welterweight championship.

Jimmy Jackson, 149, Los Angeles, dec. over Roger Buckskin, 157, Eureka, (8); Pete Constancio, 137½, Los Angeles, and Albert Guevara, 139, Sacramento, drew (6); Ernie O'Neal, 160, Sacramento, KO over Chucho Solorio, 160, Oakland, (3).

▲LOS ANGELES—Jimmy Heair must be improving. The El Paso based Mississippi born lightweight lost to Arturo Leon of Tucson in their first ring meeting.

In the rematch at the Olympic Auditorium, Irish Jimmy managed a 10 round draw after a hard fought tussle.

Heair, 137, holder of a five fight win streak, was very disappointed in his performance. "I thought I finished strong enough to get the decision, but I was off at least 30 percent," said Jimmy.

Judge John Thomas favored Heair, 6-4; referee Rudy Jordan saw it for Leon, 5-4; the other judge, Bobby Rings, came up with a 3-3 draw.

In a second 10-rounder, unbeaten Alberto Sandoval, 115½, made it 6-0 with a fourth round knockout over Juan Lopez, 117, Mexico.

Other results: Francisco Flores, 127, Los Angeles, KO over Isidro Guzman, 128, Mexico, (5); Eddie Rogers, 134, Chicago, and Jose Lopez, 135, Mexico, drew (5).

▲SAN BERNARDINO—In a crowd pleasing brawl, Tosh Nombu, 146½, Tokyo, Japan, stopped Juan Arcos, 145, Mexico, in the sixth round of their scheduled 10-rounder at the Arena.

This was the fourth promotion for Jesus Pimentel, who not too many years ago was a leading bantamweight contender.

Eddie Rogers, 135, Chicago, KO over Hector Garcia, 136, Los Angeles, (7); Abel Cordoba, 136, Los Angeles, and Tommy Howard, 135, Seattle, drew (6).

▲SACRAMENTO—Pete Ranzany, 148, Sacramento, wasted little time with Manny Leal, 147, San Diego, in their bout at Memorial Auditorium.

Ranzany rushed out and caught Leal with a volley of assorted punches to win by a knockout in the first round.

Fidel Fraijo, 127, Los Angeles, nodded Martin Avila, 128, Sacramento, in a co-feature 10-rounder. Ernie O'Neal, 158½, Sacramento, and Cuco Solorio, Oakland, drew in a five rounder.

The gate was an impressive $9,895.

▲LOS ANGELES—In a fight that was short on thrills, Mexico's Vicente Saldivar, 135, once again proved too much for blond Randy Shields, 134½, North Hollywood.

In their first encounter, Saldivar won when Shields suffered a cut eye and couldn't continue. This time it was the Mexican who was sliced and bleeding, but he managed to hang on to take a unanimous decision in a 12-rounder.

Neither boxer landed any heavy blows, and it was the superior boxing tactics of Saldivar that proved the difference.

It was Vicente's 19th straight win and only the second loss against 28 triumphs for Irish Randy.

Referee Dick Young tabbed it 6-4; judge Larry Rozadilla,

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TERRY DANIELS FINALLY GETS BREAK

By HARLAN HAAS

Harker Heights, Texas — Luck hasn't exactly been Terry Daniels' side-kick for the past few years, and one of the game's more articulate nice-guys has taken his fair-share of lumps. However, the wind must have been blowing just right as the pages of time flipped backwards, and for a brief moment it was the Terry Daniels of old. In fact, one brief moment was all it took as Jerry McIntyre, a 260-pound behemoth, went off to saw logs in the opening round of a scheduled 10. Terry weighed 195.

In a second 10, Rocky Ramon, 136, San Antonio, punched holes in the clothes of Valente Ramos, 126, Monterrey, and otherwise tucked the invader away for the evening with an assortment of punches in the fourth round.

Ramon, the Texas 135-pound kingpin isn't the worst fighter in the world, and we'd like to see him defend his laurels against powerful punching Tino Falcon in a showdown of brick fisted sluggers.

Raul Aguirre, 157, San Antonio, was simply too experienced for Willie Lakey, 155, Dallas, and naturally won by a two round knockout. Ho hum. In the four round curtain raiser Lamar Baskin, 142, Houston, edged Leland Mosley, 148, Dallas, in a distance get together.

▲Gene Wells, the Mobile Irishman who hung his sombrero around Houston for a spell and then moved his worldly belongings to Orlando, Florida, just dropped a 10-round decision to Mike Rossman and congratulations old buddy Jimmy DiPiano wherever you are—haven't heard from Jimmy D. in awhile. . .Tony Sanchez was kayoed in round one by hard punching Warren Matthews in New Orleans. . .Jody Ballard was stopped in four by big Leroy Jones in Las Vegas. . .Three different promoters in the Minneapolis area trying for the rematch between Cookie Wallace and Scott Ledoux. Wallace the Dallas veteran 205 pounder kayoed Ledoux in two rounds last year and to date it remains the only blemish on Ledoux's otherwise spotless slate. It seems Scott Ledoux is having difficulty drawing there since the setback at the hands of Wallace. An old fashioned grudge battle between these two could draw big money in Minneapolis. . .If the writer had anything to do with naming the "Fight Manager of the Year" he'd most assuredly bestow that honor upon Robert Bish for his expert guidance of the heavyweight division's quickest big man Johnny Boudreaux. Every working man in the world has to be on the bandstand for Robert Bish—here's an average working stiff who never before managed a fighter, but who started Boudreaux out personally as a very young amateur and signed him to a contract and now has moved him into the world's #10 spot in RING MAGAZINE as well as Jimmy Amann's Weekly Boxing Letter. It is one of boxing's most heartwarming stories—a true dyed-in-the-wool cinderfella story—so working people all over the world out there who read THE RING and glance at this column let's be counted—let's stand up united and give three rah rah's for Robert Bish. Here's a white dude managing a black fighter and they'd go to hell and back for one another—Bish the friend of the Chicano, the Mo Jo's, and every "just plain people" in the world. You can drop Robert Bish a letter and get behind the world's fastest rising young heavyweight Johnny Boudreaux. Write to Robert Bish, 2112 Hackney, Houston, Texas 77023. He'll personally answer every letter received, and enclose an autographed memo from Johnny Boudreaux. Let's prove that every working man is getting behind the Bish and Boudreaux team. As we used to say Bish is just "people." Include a stamped self-addressed envelope if you will, please.

PEOPLE WE LIKE TO TALK ABOUT. . .There's a group of fighters down in the valley we have dubbed "The Mexican Express." They are Prisciliano (Zip) Castillo, 140 lbs., Florentino (Tino) Falcon, 135 lbs., Silvero (Sil) Martinez, 140 lbs., and brilliant youngster Teddy Garcia, 118-120 lbs. Castillo holds the Texas junior welterweight title, Falcon has a 24-9 record with 19 knockouts, Martinez is one of the better boxers in the South, and Garcia is a comer. . .Bad Ike Fluellen the sharp punching 155-160 pounder does a lot of sparring with clever light-heavy Melvin Mott and ranking heavy Johnny Boudreaux in Jo Jo Passante's Downtown Boxing Gym. These are three quality fighters, believe me. . .Hugh Benbow, the wealthy oilman-sportsman is readying a first-class gymnasium just one-half block off Main Street in Houston on Congress Ave. It will have two rings, eight heavy bags, numerous speed bag racks, and several offices. Benbow will have boxing jumping in Houston within the next few months. He promoted here back in 1935, and old timers will recall that he used such scrappers as Joey Parks, Paul Cortlyn, Wishy Jones, Ralph Chong, Tony Bruno, Sweeny Byars, Cowboy Marlin Owens, Irish Jimmy Webb, Clyde Chastain, Dutch Weimar, Paddy McDuff, Tommy Blanton, Victor Vallee, Eddie Murdock, Chief Paris, Kenny LaSalle, Jo Jo Passante, Billy Colbert, and we could go and on. Then, he promoted during the early 1950's using such people as Bobby Dykes, Lauro Salas, Joey Barnum, Jock Leslie, Choforo Martinez, Jim Crowder, Pete Gil, Ralph Helms, Julio Cerna, and the like. He last promoted here in the 1960's with a Cleveland Williams-Billy Daniels card and a Tod Herring-Elmer Rush show. Now the man who rubbed elbows with Benny Leonard (Benbow still calls him the greatest fighter who ever lived) and who trained boxers years ago at CCNY is back on the local scene in a big way. . .The big gun in Benbow's plans will be gigantic young heavyweight Lee Canolito. The writer has kept you up with this 6-5, 270 pound Italian youngster since he first saw him as a Novice Golden Glover two years ago. Never beaten as an amateur Big Lee the ex-football great whose fantastic career as a defensive tackle for the University of Houston was cut short by a knee injury midway of the 1975 season is being schooled daily by the astute Benow. Look for Canolito to turn pro shortly. He just turned 22 years of age. . .The Golden Gloves open division in Houston showed few able fighters this year. I'd say the best three were Anthony Wiley, veteran Daryl Brumley with Roy Harris in his corner, and Oscar Trevino. Simley Gomez, an 11-year old junior batter with 53 consecutive wins and nary a loss, was magnificent. The writer has seen most of the tiny phenoms of the past including Termite Watkins and Jesse Valdez but none can compare with this miniature fighting machine. Smiley Gomez is unvelievable. He is not real. He can't be. His combination punches come so fast you think for a second that he is just tossing punches in bunches until you see there is precision and a purpose. He has learned his boxing under the tutelage of pro feather Kenny Weldon. While at the Golden Gloves in the Houston Coliseum I had an opportunity to visit with amateur stars of the past—Bo McCord now a principal at New Caney Elementary School and Ronnie Sewell one of the most crowd pleasing amateurs of all time who is still young enough to box in the Gloves but gave it up. Also, chatted with old buddy Art Zarbock who coached the old Airline Boxing Club to so many titles in past years. . .Texas and Louisiana both blessed with outstanding boxing commissioners. You'll never find a more knowledgeable nor conscientious fight commish anywhere in the country than Louisiana's Emile Bruneau. Our Texas Supervisor of Boxing is Robert Busse and he is very involved with the sport and works diligently for the betterment of the game. We have followed Busse's tenure as Supervisor of the sport closely, and find him to be a man easy to talk with and a man who has the game's interest at heart not only from the promoter's standpoint, but he takes a vibrant interest in the managers and fighters alike.

BOBBY O'BRIEN OUTPOINTS NOVOTNY AT SUNNYSIDE

By CHARLES DOUGLAS BROWN

Sunnyside Gardens, Queens, N.Y. — About 1,200 people, composed of rooting sections and folks attracted by the sight of former middleweight king Rocky Graziano doing patchwork in one of the corners showed up to see two eight and four six-rounders. And there were no knockouts at all, so the screamingly vocal crowd got forty full rounds of boxing to enjoy. The card lasted from 8:20 until close to midnight. Due to the late hour, the main event was put on before the semi-final so the crowd could see what they had come for.

Irish Bobby O'Brien (175), popular light-heavy making a comeback under the management of Paddy Flood, won the main event outpointing Carlos Novotny (173½, Argentina) in eight. Connecticut middleweight champ Jesse Bender, the original opponent, had that old devil flu. Graziano, introduced as a leading "sex symbol," worked O'Brien's corner. Novotny tried his best, but all he could get for his corner was Jose Chirino, Argentine middle who once licked Nino Venvenuti (after Nino lost his title).

O'Brien had stopped Novotny on cuts in three at Sunnyside four months earlier. He showed that he was Carlos's master by giving him a good lacing this time around. Novotny had nothing much going for him except durability. Durable fighters are the kind who leave a fight crowd wondering what is holding them up. Novotny passed this test.

Novotny is not the mobile sort, and had trouble with his legs. O'Brien had no trouble finding him. O'Brien started on the victory path in the third, when he fiercely retaliated after Crlos had dazed him with a blow to the back of the neck. After that, Novotny was constantly wincing from fierce rights to the head. He turned his back on O'Brien in the fourth after receiving one of said punches, and it could have been stopped then. But Novotny stuck it out, clutching his groin and complaining of low blows in the sixth. Novotny does a great imitation of an anvil. O'Brien has now beaten Novotny twice. If he does it a third time he gets to stuff him and keep him in his den.

In the semi-final, a guy named Ali Perez (165, NYC) made a big hit with the crowd as he outpointed Larry ("Tumbler") Davis (161, NYC) in eight. His real name is Al, but he added the 'I' because he looks like the champ of champs. Davis, who says that fans come from as far as Brooklyn to see him perform somersaults after a win, could not strut his specialty tonight. Ali Prez made the most of his height and reach advantages, effectively jabbing and evading Davis's attempts to rush in and pound the body. He also knew a bit about showmanship, but so did Davis. He gave Ali Perez a mock 'Svengali' stare after an accidental rabbit punch that had the crowd howling. But A. Perez has no combinations, and he can't punch like his namesake. Davis would occasionally connect a hard one to the robust rib cage of A. Perez, his main target, but A. Perez won it on legs and jabs.

Irish Johnny Turner (141, Long Island) raised his record to 11-0-1 (9 KO's) with a six-round points win over Ronald Maeweather (formerly Merinether) of Newark. Fans expected a Turner KO win, but Merinether had beaten RING "Monthly Prospect" Paddy Dolan and was no pushover. Merinether tried walking in circles and horsing around to get Turner off stride, and did land some hard blows. But most of them were counterpunches. Turner was the aggressor, and didn't let these tactics get him rattled. By the fifth, Turner had Maeweather solved. A resounding right to the jaw took the bravado out of Ronnie, and Turner was the winner from there on. Turner staggered Ron with another right just before the bell, keeping pace with his hopping tactics all the way. Maeweather weighed 136.

Another undefeated prospect, welter Pat Maloney (147¾) wasn't so lucky. The New Yorker lost his first fight in seven outings to Randy Milton (145, Connecticut) in six rounds. Maloney swept the first three rounds and was winning the fourth when Milton scored a flash knockdown for a two count. Maloney wasn't hurt, but the feat spurred Milton on. In the fifth, Maloney got a giant cut below the left eye which did him no good at all. Milton worked on it and Maloney was running rivers at bout's fini. Milton was given the verdict of boos from a pro-Maloney crowd. In terms of damage inflicted, it was the right thing to do.

In a feather match, Marcial Santiago (124½, Puerto Rico) beat Dan Tratzinski (123¾) in six, on points. Santiago really worked Danny over for the first four rounds, but had nothing left after flooring Tratzinski in the fourth with a hard overhand right. Danny won the last two heats in good style and won over the crowd, who booed the call against him.

In a sloppy fight, light-heavy John Capobianco (167, Huntington, L.I., N.Y.) beat D.C. Walker (156, Bridgeport, Conn.) on points in five plus one rounds. Capobianco is now 10 and 1, but why couldn't he KO the unimpressive Walker, whose only thought was lasting the distance? Conceding eleven pounds isn't easy, but Walker was very non-belligerent. He resorted to undignified stunts, but after being decked in the fourth and fifth rounds he stuck to holding Capobianco's hips. Walker was cordially disliked by the crowd. Afterward, Capobianco's seconds congratulated Walker on a good fight. I do not see the point of this, since it was not April Fool's Day.

There were some interesting sidelights. One was my approaching Rocky Graziano, camera in hand, and saying: "Mr. Graziano, how about a shot?" Fortunately, the request was not misinterpreted. And between the fourth and fifth rounds of the Perez-Davis bout, a jolly drunk tried to get into the ring. The security cops stopped him. This was slightly disappointing to me. It had struck me about then that I had never seen a man play "Alexander's Ragtime Band" on the harmonica while standing on one foot with a soda straw sticking out of his right ear. Since there is no telling what a man in an imbibed condition will do, I will always wonder if the Sunnyside security force deprived me of my chance to see this unique feat performed. Oh, well, maybe next time.

▲Commack, L.I., N.Y. — The Long Island Arena, continuing its experiment with monthly boxing cards under the stewardship of Tony Leteri and Tony Carrione is now a very pleasant place to see the fistic arts performed. About 1,100 people, by my estimate, showed up tonight and it looked like a money-losing card. But the crowd enjoyed the fights, which weren't dull.

In the ten-round main event, Angel Oquendo, trial-horse light-heavy from Puerto Rico (180) outpointed the veteran Irish Billy (Kelly) Wagner (175, Cleveland) for the second time. The first time was two years ago, on the undercard to a Joe Frazier fight in the Garden. There seemed to be no logical reason for matching them again. But the bout was an interesting, close one.

Wagner, due to torn cartilage, entered the ring in a knee supporter and the fans almost had a collective stroke. But it proved to be no hindrance to his performance. Oquendo's body punches did, however. After head-hunting for four rounds and opening a nick on Wagner's left eye area, Angel pooped out a bit and let Wagner draw even. Oquendo's impressive body digs in rounds seven and eight won him the fight on my scorecard, although the officials were more liberal, giving him 8 rounds on all three cards. Wagner tried a comeback in the last two rounds and cut Oquendo in the corner of the left eye. But it didn't help. Angel had more muscles.

The semi-final was a pronounced upset. Ronnie Gibbons, the English-American welter who entered the ring with a 17-1-1 record, was trying to come back from an upset 1-round KO loss to Fernand Marcotte in Madison Square Garden last December, and for three rounds, Gibbons neatly boxed the ears off Papo Melendez (147, Puerto Rico). Unfortunately, Melendez does not punch with his ears. As the fourth started, Gibbons kept allowing himself to be drawn into close-quarters with Papo. Gibbons' cornerman, Gil Clancy, didn't like the body punches that Melendez was landing at these moments. He kept exhorting Gibbons to stand off and jab. "Give yourself room, give yourself room!," screamed Clancy. Gibbons, at 147, chose to ignore the advice. Melendez chose to throw a hard right on Gibbons' jaw. Gibbons chose to hit the deck for eight seconds. Ref Johnny LoBianco looked at Gibbons upon his arising and chose to stop the fight, giving Melendez a TKO win and probably more lucrative fights in the future.

In a six-round down-home brawl, Larry Stanton (141, Merrick, L.I.) outpointed George Fakaris (141, Greek-American). Both men have street-fighter styles and the result was a bout that drew a standing ovation. It was Stanton's roundhouse right against Fakaris's left hook. Fakaris landed quite a few damaging left hooks, some of them straying below the belt. Stanton landed a hard right after the third round bell to make up for that. Despite an injured knuckle on his hard right hand, Stanton had Fakaris giving ground after the fourth and was the clear winner. Despite his injured mitt, Stanton sent the spray flying in the fifth with four right uppercuts to Fakaris's head.

In another welterweight six, Charley Benjamin (147, Somers, Connecticut Correctional Institute) outpointed Angel Cintron (140, NYC). The usually flashy Cintron lacked his sparkle and he also lacked the strength to hold off the broad-shouldered Benjamin. Cintron couldn't get away from Benjamin's sweeping overhand right, and finished up with a bloody nose. I am very impressed by the squat Benjamin.

Want to know how to ruin a good prospect? Fighting him three days after he has just scored a tough win is one of the never-fail ways. Randy Milton (144, Bridgeport, Connecticut) was the victim of this managerial stupidity and paid with a six-round split decision loss to Johnny Stief (147, Newark, N.J.). Never mind that the crowd thought that the decision was a bad one. Milton was too tired to do his best, and I would like to know the name of his manager, just out of morbid curiosity.

Frankie White (176, Hempstead, L.I., N.Y.) won the opening bout by fourth-round TKO over Morito Morales (173). White decked Morales for a short count in the first, and aside for some hard rights he caught in the third, was never bothered by Morales, who was stopped at 2:04 of the round.

LARRY HOLMES KO'S CHOLSTON IN 8

By JIM BUSS

Lafayette College Kirby Field House—Larry Holmes, Easton, won a TKO over Joe Cholston, Miami & Phila., 8 rounds, hwts. Larry Holland, Allentown, Pa., TKO over Flash Tomlin, Philadelphia, 2, mdwts. Luis Rodriguez, Allentown, Pa., TKO over Al Williams, Philadelphia, 2. lhwts. Willie Rodriguez, Allentown, Pa., TKO over Jose Perez, NYC, 2, lightweights. Steve Michalerya, Allentown, Pa., dec. over Joe (Smiley) Williams, Wilmington, Del., 4, middleweights. Sam Hailstock, Easton, Pa., and Darryl Lampkin, Philadelphia, drew 4, welterwts.

▲Allentown, Pa.—Luis Rodriguez, Allentown, TKO over Sonny Jones, Philadelphia, 1, lhwts. Rudy Donato, Philadelphia, TKO over Benny Jones, 1. Steve Michalerya, Allentown, TKO over Tommy Brown, Philadelphia, 1, mdwts. Sam Hailstock, Easton, TKO over Earl Nelson, Baltimore and Philadelphia, 1, wwts. Ruben Lopez, Allentown, dec. over James Phoenix, Philadelphia, 4, middlewts. Willie Rodriguez, Allentown, dec. over John (Two Gun) Barr, 4, lwts. Junior Raspaldo, Allentown, dec. over Kevin Reamer, 4, mwts.

▲Allentown, Pa.—John McQueen, Philadelphia, dec. over Ron Branch, Wilmington, Del., 10, l. Luis Rodriguez, Allentown, lost dec. to Randy Mack, Philadelphia, 6, lh. Ruben Lopez, Allentown, dec. over Bob Drewery, Philadelphia, 4, w. Willie Rodriguez, Allentown, TKO over Bob Edison, 3, l. Junior Raspaldo, Allentown, dec. over Morris Grant, Philadelphia, 4,

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RUVALDINO BEATS COSME FOR MEXICAN 115 TITLE

By EDUARDO AMER

Reynosa, Tamaulipas — Roberto "Kid" Ruvaldino, 115, decisioned Eliseo Cosme, 115, in 12 rounds, to become Mexican bantamweight champion. Guadalupe "Cubano" Hernandez, 117, stopped Vicente Pool, 117, in three. Raul Valdez, 112, gained Tony Garcia, 112, in ten. Rogelio Lara, 119, beat Memo Ortiz, 118, in 10. Lupe Madera, 109, defeated Jose "Mono" Lara, 108, in 10.

▲**Mexico** — Valentin "Duende" Martinez, 110, won an unpopular decision from Alberto "Costeno" Morales, 110, in twelve bitter rounds, and he is new National flyweight king. Arturo Delgado, 110, TKO'ed Gabriel Bernal, 110, in seven. Fabian Palma, 118, halted Joel Valdez, 118, in 9. Jaime Sanchez, 110, kayoed Victor Presa, 110, in two. Jose Ruiz, 116, embalmed Rogelio Escamilla, 116, in two.

▲**Dos Rrroyos, Guerrero** — Roberto Guzman, 119, whipped Francisco Flores, 120. But the winner died next day.

▲**Chetumal, Quintana Roo** — Tony Bautista, 138, TKO'ed Rodolfo Rodriguez, 136, in eight.

▲**Torreon, Coahuila** — Joaquin "Petrolero" Macias, 159, TKO'ed Manuel Elizondo, 155, in nine. Mario Castro, 118, nailed Ramon "Changa" Guillen, 119, in four. Anastasio "Gallito" Castro, 111, TKO'ed Miguel Scott, 111, in the 12th round to retain flyweight title of La Laguna. Chucho Moreno, 118, TKO'ed Daniel Felizardo, 118, in tenth and last round.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Antonio Nava, 127, knocked out Martin Lopez, 129, in 9. Lorenzo Alarcon, 144, TKO'ed Jose Duarte, 145, in 6. Manuel Martinez, 134, TKO'ed Jose Gonzalez, 134, in 4. Jacinto Gutierrez, 110, and Miguel Landon, 110, drew in six.

▲**Mexico, D. F.** — Samuel "Sammy" Garcia, 136, TKO'ed Rafael Piamonte, 137, of Colombia, in two. Andres Fernandez, 144, outpointed Ruben Quintas, 145, in 10. Arturo Sanchez, 123, bombed Francisco Santillan, 126, in only three rounds. Filiberto Gonzalez, 111, bested Jose Sosa, 111, in six. Alejandro Vega, 124, TKO'ed Mario Becerra, 126, in two.

▲**Tepic, Nayarit** — Jesus "Mortero" Alonso, 135, disposed of Juan "Cachorro" Medina, 135, in three.

▲**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Ernesto Herrera, 125, TKO'ed Jose Luis Meza, 126, in two.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Pedro Galaviz, 111, halted Roberto de la Paz, 111, in 2.

▲**Oaxaca** — Jorge Morales, 123, flattened Juan "Negro" Torres, 123, in five.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California** — Jose Angel Cazares, 117, technically stopped Eleazar "Panaderito" Valdez, 117, in the very first round.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Rosalio Badillo, 125, won by a disqualification over Jesus "Chuy" Rodriguez, 125, in 8. Lalo Cuadros, 118, TKO'ed Pedro Sandoval, 119, in nine. German Torres, 111, KO'ed Pedro Hernandez, 111, in 3. Juan Herrera, 126, beat Cenobio Nicolas, 125, in six. Agustin Lopez, 111, decisioned Jorge Pool, 110, in four.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Adelaido Galindo, 112, outscored Juan Jose Guzman, 112, in ten. Fili Moreno, 125, TKO'ed Ramon "Sombrita" Henriquez, 124, of Colombia, in 9. Elfego Lopez, 111, lost to Jorge Herrera, 112, in 6. Antonio Rojas, 115, TKO'ed Leo Santos, 117, in 6.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California** — Abel Torres, 118, TKO'ed Rafael Rubio, 117, in three. Ernesto Garfias, 125, TKO'ed Javier Rios, 124, in one.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Mane Garcia, 116, TKO'ed "Olivaritos" Chaire, 116, in 8.

▲**Reynosa, Tamaulipas** — Jose Luis Cruz, 117, defeated Evaristo "Picapiedra" Perez, 118, in ten.

▲**Los Mochis, Sinaloa** — Angel Felix, 113, decisioned Manuel "Cochul" Montiel, 112, in ten.

▲**Merida, Yucatan** — Freddy "Riel" Hernandez, 113, of Colombia, TKO'ed Romulo Cortes, 113, in 4. Humberto Lara, 117, TKO'ed Miguel "Rancherito" Fernandez, 117, in the tenth and last round. Paulino Canche, 117, stopped Ambrosio "Costeno" Garcia Luna, 116, in 3. Wilbert Canche, 112, TKO'ed Ranulfo Cano, 111, in 5. Raul "Conejo" Hernandez, 107, whipped Jose Gonzalez, 107, in six.

▲**Reynosa, Tamaulipas** — Tarcisio "Famosito" Gomez, 117, easily outpointed Guadalupe "Cubano" Hernandez, 118, in 10.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Maximino Rangel, 128, beat Ventura Perez, 129, in 10. Salvador Sanchez, 119, TKO'ed Javier Solis, 117, in 7. Federico Carreno, 115, TKO'ed Rodolfo Perez, 116, in four. Raul Rico, 117, TKO'ed Antonio Gloria, 117, in three.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California** — Manuel "Topo Gigio" Vazquez, 112, gained Santos "Cora" Rodriguez, 112, in ten.

▲**Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua** — Jorge "Alacrancito" Torres, 120, decisioned Rodolfo Moreno, 119, in 10. Gerardo Venzor, 121, TKO'ed Juan Zamora, 122, in nine. Jose Hernandez, 135, flattened Tereso Gandara, 136, in 6.

▲**Apatzingan, Michoacan** — Ismael Ruiz, 187, polished off Roberto Najera, 190, in two. Jose Chavez, 117, TKO'ed Luis de la Paz, 117, in 5. Juan Chavez, 135, demolished Pablo Arroyo, 134, in 2.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Juan Zarate, 112, put Alberto Cruz, 111, to sleep in one. "Panterita" Cruz, 113, outpointed Alejandro Castro, 111, in ten.

▲**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Raul "Babe" Lopez, 118, beat Rosendo "Chamaco" Garcia, 118, in 10.

▲**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Mario Gatica, 112, TKO'ed "Zorrita" Mendiolea, 112, in the opening round. Lorenzo Alarcon, 146, lost to Pedro Alberto Dominguez, 145, in ten. Crescencio Santana, 117, won by a disqualification from Antonio "Negro" Munoz, 118, in two.

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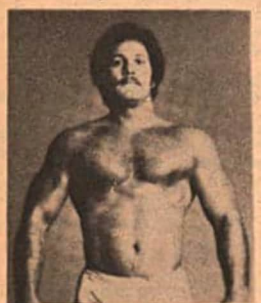

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PANAMA'S LOPEZ BRINGS HOME WBA FLY TITLE

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The last round was one too many for the champion. Lopez came out for the kill. He flattened Salavarria with a two-fisted attack. The champ went down on his knees. Referee Padilla asked him if he wished to go on. The beaten fighter said that he had had enough. The kayo goes into the *Record Book* at 33 seconds of the 15th round.

The scoring of the bout up to this point was as follows: judges Alfredo Quiazon and Artemio Cruz scored it the same, 66-62 for Lopez, referee Padilla also scored it the same as the judges. All three were Filipino officials.

A sellout crowd of some 25,000 gave the new champion a big cheer at the end of this show promoted by Lope Sarreal, Jr.

The win makes Lopez now 24-0-0, 14 via kayo. Salavarria's mark now drops to 58-10-4.

Lopez has a big money match in Panama with countryman Jorge Lujan, who was rated number two in the W.B.A. rankings. Others who may box him are: Betulio Gonzalez, Venezuela and Orlando Javierto, Philippines, Miguel Canto, Mexico, the world champion, is ranked No. 4 by the W.B.A.

CHACON COMES BACK TO LIFE WITH KO IN 10

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Vern Bybee stopped the fight at 2:49 of the last round.

The former champion weighed in at 131, as did Martinez. Weight problems have caused the fall of many smaller champions, and Chacon is perhaps the most dramatic example of this in recent times. Against Olivares, Chacon was forced to shed sixteen pounds in two weeks to make the title limit. He left his championship in the steamroom. Chacon is just one of those men who puts weight on too easily.

It is almost certain that he still possesses those undefinable skills that brought him a championship in one of the most competitive divisions. But he seems to have outgrown the 126 pound class.

130 pounds should be best for Chacon because there's no point in torturing oneself just to be a featherweight. Also, junior lightweight champion Ben Villaflor is definitely not unbeatable.

Promoter Babe Griffin plans to continue to bring in other world rated fighters for local boxing enthusiasts.

In the only other bout of the evening Nacho Jiminez, 135, won a split decision over Vaselio Onate after ten gruelling rounds. A cheering house of 1684 paid $12,440 to watch the crowd pleasing Chacon box his way to another win.

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CHAMP HOPE KO'S SPEARE IN 4

Kevin Finnegan hopes for a shot at the middleweight title he lost.

BRITISH light-middleweight champion Maurice Hope, Hackney, 156, beat Carl Speare, Liverpool, 161, the referee intervening in the fourth of a scheduled eight-rounder, just as the bell ended the session.

Southpaw Hope outpunched Central Area middleweight champion Speare, who was decked for seven just before it was stopped.

Former middleweight champion Kevin Finnegan, Iver, 162, hoping to get back in the title chase, easily beat Danny McCafferty, Glasgow, 162, the bout being stopped in the fourth of a scheduled eight. McCafferty was taking punches without reply when the referee intervened right on the bell ending the round.

Boyd Farrar, Hayes, 164, stopped Ricky Smith, Liverpool, 163, in three. Smith was cut over the right eye, and tried hard to match his opponent's power of punch without succeeding.

Joe Hannaford, Liverpool, 156, outpointed Mick Evans, Bournemouth, 160, over six twos by 60-57½, not losing a round.

▲Royal Albert Hall, London — There were two British champions on this bill, but the man who attracted most of the interest was David "Boy" Green, Chatteris, 139, who qualified for a shot at the British light-welter title by stopping Welshman Billy Waith, Cardiff, 139, in the eleventh of a scheduled 12-rounds final eliminator.

The whole show had been postponed a fortnight because three successive top-liners had to be pulled out through boxers being ill. Yet the reorganized bill produced some fine contests, of which Green vs. Waith was undoubtedly the best.

This was a typical fighter vs. boxer bout, and the fighter won. To say it was a fascinating contest would be an understatement. We had Green going forward from the first bell until the last, and Waith showing superb defense and ringcraft.

I was sitting close to a couple of people who had helped to plan the Waith strategy, and the idea was for Green to wear himself out throwing punches, whereupon Waith would then switch from defense to attack.

It didn't quite work out. Waith succeeded in blocking or parrying many of his opponent's leads, but Green just did not tire sufficiently for the Welshman to take the initiative.

There were times when Waith whipped in some snappy counterpunches, but he was never able to sustain his own attacks. The Welshman took the unusual "step" of measuring the width of the ring in paces just before the opening bell, in order that he would know exactly how far he would have to back before he met the ropes. And in those early rounds he had to back up as Green came in throwing punches from both hands.

Waith had never been stopped in nearly 40 fights, but he had never met anyone as aggressive as Green, who incurred censures for misuse of the head, and Waith supporters protested at right-hands which landed in the region of Billy's kidneys. Green's fans thought Billy contributed to this by turning towards the punch.

After five rounds Green had established a definite lead, for Waith had been occupied almost solely with defense, and even his counterpunching was only spasmodic. However, from that point on, Billy threw more punches which seemed to take Green by surprise.

Waith had a good sixth round, and got home with a couple of effective body shots that pulled up his opponent in his tracks. In the following round, Waith was cut on the left eyebrow, but brought roars from his supporters as he elected to stand toe-to-toe and punch it out.

While it is true to say that Waith was right back in the fight, he had quite a bit of leeway to make up, and coming into the tenth he was still three rounds behind on my card.

The tenth was quite a round. Green had a swelling around the right eye and his nose bled, yet he pressed forward to such good effect that for the first time there seemed a possibility that Waith might not go the full distance.

The eleventh, which proved to be the last round, saw Green as strong as ever, and Waith now very weary, unable to ward off punches as he had done in the early stages. Yet he would not go down, and eventually, with Billy taking blows without replying, referee Sid Nathan stopped it.

A wonderful scrap, warmly applauded, much credit to both men for their contribution, and no doubt now that Green is well on the way to stardom, with the immediate chance of emulating Eric "Boy" Boon, that other great Chatteris fighter, and winning a British title.

Now managed by Terry Lawless (who also looks after world welter champ John H. Stracey), Jim Watt, Glasgow, kayoed George Turpin, Liverpool, in the fourth of a scheduled ten.

Both were inside the stipulated 137, but Turpin is only a featherweight, and couldn't give away the poundage.

There was little action for two rounds, the tempo increased in the third, then early in the following round Turpin was decked from a body attack. He rose at nine, was again floored, this time for eight.

Watt had seen the green light light now, and let loose with both hands, an attack that forced his opponent to take another nine count. Again he managed to get to his feet, only to go down again from a left uppercut.

Turpin was on his knees, then rose just as the count was being completed. A competent performance by Watt, and the old adage that a good big 'un will invariably beat a good little 'un still applies.

Maurice Hope, Hackney, 155¼, the British light-middleweight champion, beat Moroccan Mimoun Mohatar, 150, the referee intervening towards the end of the second round because, it was announced, Mohatar was being "completely outclassed."

It wasn't a popular verdict, and there was a lot of booing, many feeling that Mohatar, who hadn't been down and seemingly not in any kind of trouble, may, like many other boxers, have been a slow starter and worthy of more time to warm up and prove himself.

Once he had got into his stride, John L. Gardner, Hackney, 204, wasted no time in disposing of his 6 ft. 6 in. opponent, Bjorn Rudi, Norway, 218, in the third of a scheduled eight.

Rudi used his superior height and reach to good effect in the first round, but Gardner then got inside in the second and punched away with both hands.

It looked as if it could have been stopped right then, but Rudi came up for the third, only to be subjected to a merciless barrage for 70 seconds before the referee intervened.

Peter Cain, Notting Hill, 159, beat Jimmy Batten, Millwall, 154½, the referee intervening in the sixth because Batten's left eye was swollen.

A good fight to watch, with Cain all out to confirm a previous win, when he took away Batten's unbeaten record. He won again this time, but Batten afterwards complained of being frequently butted.

Cain started at a fast pace, yet Batten was the more accurate as the fight proceeded. Cain was cut over the left eye early on, but Batten's injury, sustained in the fourth was the more serious.

It was so bad by the sixth that it was obvious Batten couldn't see properly, and as they were punching it out down he went, not from a punch as far as could be ascertained.

He rose at eight, whereupon the bout was stopped. A disappointing and inconclusive result.

Tommy Dunn, Reading, 135, beat Gary Dunks, Stepney, 136½, the contest being stopped in the fifth "to save him from further punishment."

Dunn seemed comfortably ahead at this stage, but southpaw Dunks was still strong and he was disgusted when the referee intervened. Many fans showed that they agreed with Gary.

Floored at the end of the opening round, Paul Kinsella, Liverpool, 200, came back to beat Tony Blackburn, Tonyrefail, 195½, the bout being stopped in the third after Blackburn had been decked.

A good performance by Kinsella, who suffered a bad cut right eyebrow in the second. It was his fifth successive win as a pro, and he has a bright future, as shown by his aggression after being floored and getting injured.

To fight back when the odds are against you is the hallmark of a good boxer.

▲Second City Sporting Club, Birmingham — Tony Allen, Birmingham, 175, outpointed George Gray, Aberdeen, 177½, over eight by 79½-77½.

Allen boxed beautifully in the opening session, but there was a clash of styles after that, and he got tangled up at close-quarters with his southpaw opponent.

There were frequent warnings to both men, but the cleaner punching came from Allen.

Don Aagesen, Birmingham, 128½, outscored Dave Connell, Manchester, 127, over six twos by 59-58½. An extremely close one, with not everyone agreeing with the verdict. A good bout to watch.

Jimmy King, Birmingham, 142, outpointed Dave Massey, Manchester, 148, over six twos by 59½-58½. King kept up the pressure throughout, and Massey was tiring badly towards the close.

Dave Parris, Tottenham, 187, outscored Barry Clough, Stoke, 189½, by 59½-58½ over six twos in an uninteresting contest.

▲North Staffs Sporting Club, Stoke — Danny Fearon, Liverpool, 138, outpointed Ray Holdcroft, Stoke, 137, over eight by 79½-77½.

In spite of the fact that it was Holdcroft's eleventh defeat in a row he put up stubborn resistance, and the crowd tossed in nobbins afterwards.

Southpaw Fearon deserved his win. His left cross was always in evidence, and he also produced a good uppercut.

Holdcroft had a fine fifth round, and for a moment it looked as if he was right back into the reckoning, but he was cut under the left eye in the seventh and decked in the final session, when he looked very weary.

Pat Brogan, Crewe, 160, gained a comfortable victory over Charlie Richardson, Liverpool, 160, and seemed to be worth more than a 79-78 points margin over eight twos.

Lance Bantleman, Hayes, 128½, outscored Joey Gilbert, Leeds, 130½, over six twos by 59½-58½, to keep his unbeaten record.

Ian Murray, Manchester, 119, confirmed a previous win by outpointing John Chesters, Halifax, 111½, over six twos by 59½-58. Chesters did his best, but the weight handicap for a flyweight was far too much.

Alan Oag, Edinburgh, 130½, beat Graham Laybourn, Barnsley, 130, who was disqualified in the second for misuse of the head, after several warnings.

▲National Sporting Club, London — Charlie Cooper, Farehan, 156½, staged a grandstand finish to draw with John Smith, Glasgow, 155½, over eight. It was a substitute top-liner, but a good one, and some felt Smith had built up an unassailable lead.

It was Smith who took the eye in the early stages, bustling in with both hands, driving Cooper back, whereas the latter was content to jab with his left.

When Cooper opened out it was a different story, and his southpaw right jab and left cross got through his opponent's defenses frequently in the last couple of rounds. But many, including Smith, thought this rally had come too late to affect the result.

It couldn't have been easy for Steve Elliston, Bermondsey, 125½, making a comeback after six years inactivity, and at 29 it's not an easy age to start again. He was outpointed by Dave Connell, Manchester, 126, over six, scoreline 59½-58½, and was satisfied with his performance.

Certainly he seemed fit enough, and once he gets his timing right could still make a good career for himself.

Von Reid, Birmingham, 137, twice decked Dill Collins, Llantwit Major, 138½, and went on to outpoint him by 80-76 over eight, winning every round.

First knockdown came in the seventh, the other in the final session.

Dave Massey, Manchester, 143½, beat Barry White, Ferndown, the referee intervening in the first round after White had been down twice.

▲20th Century Sporting Club, Southend — Oscar Angus, Aylesbury, 161, kayoed Mick Hussey, Islington, 163½, in

three. A left to the body did the trick.

Angus thus improved on his previous meeting with Hussey, when the result was a draw. Oscar afterwards paid tribute to his new manager George Francis for the part he has played in bringing an improvement.

Errol Lotriet, Southampton, 163, beat David Cave, Cambridge, 161, the referee intervening in the second round after Cave had been decked twice.

This was Cave's second pro bout. In his first he was beaten by Errol's brother Owen.

David Fry, Bournemouth, 205, outpointed Derek Simpkin, Swadlincote, 196, by 79-78 over eight twos. There were several knockdowns, with Simpkin being floored three times and Fry once.

Vernon Scott, Tottenham, 172½, narrowly outpointed Alan Butters, Southampton, 177, over eight twos by 79-78½. Not much clean punching in this one.

Keith Bundy, Southampton, 146, outscored Eric Purkis, Tooting, 141½, by 59½-58. Purkis looked in trouble early on, but recovered well when Bundy failed to cash in on his advantage. But there was no doubt that Bundy deserved to win.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, London — John Mitchell, Glasgow, 124¼, beat Les Pickett, Merthyr, 124½, the bout being stopped in the fourth when Pickett was cut over the left eye.

Pickett did the attacking in the early stages, with Mitchell countering to good effect. Little in it at the premature closure, which was tough on Pickett.

John Smith, Glasgow, 158, beat Johnny Rushton, Doncaster, 161½, the referee intervening in the fifth. Another injury, this time Rushton's being cut under the right eye.

Smith looked the more impressive, and was just beginning to open out.

Willie Booth, Glasgow, 127½, beat Delvin White, Tottenham, 133½, on points over six by 59½-58. White was decked three times, yet came back strongly at the end, too late to affect the outcome.

▲Bedfordshire Sporting Club — Mario Strango, Bedford, 128, stopped Alan Oag, Edinburgh, 128½, in 100 seconds of the first round, the referee intervening after Oag had been down.

Dill Collins, Llantwit Major, 140, beat Tony Mattia, Bedford, 139¼, the bout being stopped in the fourth after Mattia had been floored.

Keith Bundy, Southampton, 144½, beat debutant Derek Gardner, Croydon, 147, the referee intervening in the third after Gardner had been down for six.

Richie Scott, Liverpool, 163, another debutant, outscored Dennis Jeram, Southampton, 162, over four twos by 40-38, thus winning every round. Jeram was down twice.

▲National Sporting Club, London — Gordon Kirk, Liverpool, 142, outpointed Centra. Area champion Terry Petersen, Leeds, 142, by the narrow margin of 78½-78 over eight. Peterzen obviously didn't agree with the verdict, which seemed a fair one.

Kirk did a lot of good work in the early rounds, keeping up constant aggression, and it wasn't until the second half of the bout that Petersen succeeded in getting into the fight.

A dominating last round by Petersen was eye-catching, but not enough to make up the leeway.

Jim Moore, Bradford, 152½, outpointed Liam White, Wells, 159, over eight twos by 79-78. There was too much ineffective work at close quarters, for which the referee issued several censures.

Moore's right swings were sometimes off target, but he did land enough to make it a deserved verdict.

Danny McLoughlin, Manchester, 174½, beat Pat Mahoney, Cardiff. 177. the bout being stopped in the sixth and final session after a body blow had shaken Mahoney, who afterwards announced his retirement from the ring.

Yotham Kunda, Zambia, 152, beat Billy Ahearne, Manchester, 153, the referee intervening in the fifth when Ahearne was cut over the left eye.

▲Greyhound Hotel, Croydon — Kris Smith, Sutton, 219½, stopped Keith Johnson, Barnsley, 188, in the fifth, with Johnson still on his feet but finding the weight handicap too much.

Artist Gibson, Croydon, 191, outscored Barry Clough, Stoke, 186, over six twos by 60-58½. Clough was decked in the final round, and Gibson was censured for continuing his punching while his opponent was down.

Plenty of action between these two big men after a slow start, and deserving of the nobbins that came in afterwards.

Mick Minter, Crawley, outpointed Mike Copp, Swansea, 148, over six twos by 59½-58, Minter, having his second pro fight, was the cleaner puncher, but Copp, making his debut, revealed plenty of aggression.

Weston McKenzie, Croydon, 137, outpointed Pat Singer, Poole, 138½, over six twos. Scoreline 59½-58½. Singer was decked twice.

▲World Sporting Club, London — Tim Wood, Leicester, 174, beat Johnny Wall, Shoreditch, 173, the referee stopping the bout just as the bell ended the seventh round.

Wood, who was born in London, thus took the Southern Area light-heavyweight title, and hopes to go on to even bigger things.

Wall was floored in the second by a left hook, and was up at two, perhaps a little too soon. Yet he recovered well, and was back in the fight by the fourth, only to lose ground again in the following round.

Wood was jabbing to good effect, and more were getting home as the fight proceeded. In the seventh Wall was still endeavouring to pull the fight out of the fire, but too weak to do anything about it.

Referee Harry Gibbs's intervention was timely.

Jamaican-born Denton Ruddock, 193, outpointed Tony Moore, 191, over ten by 98½-97½, thus becoming the first immigrant to annex the Southern Area heavyweight crown.

A good performance, moreso because Ruddock took the fight at only six days' notice, when Les Stevens decided to retire from the ring.

Ruddock was having only his fourth pro fight, but lasted the distance well, and it was in the last couple of rounds that he made the issue certain.

Moor was cut over the right eye, and although weary resisted all Ruddock's efforts to stop him.

Brian Bowrey, Kingston, 159½, outpointed Leroy Herriott, New Tredegar, 163, over eight twos by 79½-77½. Not a classic, with too much holding, but Bowrey deserved his victory by his greater accuracy and correct punching.

Artist Gibson, Croydon, 191, outscored Alan Butters, Southampton, 181, over six twos by 59-58½. Gibson clinched it with some good work in the later stages.

Randy Barrett, Wolverhampton, 174, gained a comfortable points victory over Dee Cascoe, Lewisham, 176½, scoreline 59½-58 over six twos. A good bout to watch, plenty of honest endeavour, Barrett maintaining a lead throughout.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester — Terry Armstrong, Manchester, 177½, beat Tony Allen, Birmingham, 174, who was disqualified at the end of the fourth for allegedly hitting after the bell.

Armstrong was down briefly in the third, and Allen seemed to have a comfortable lead when the infringement occurred.

Dave Wraxall, Manchester, 129, drew with Don Aagesen, Birmingham, 128½, over six. Wraxall was decked in the fourth and Aagesen looked unlucky to get only a share.

Francis Hands, Liverpool, 176, outpointed Alek Penarski, Horwich, over six by 59½-58. A good scrap, and a worthy winner.

Jimmy King, Birmingham, 144, outscored Dave Massey, Manchester, 142, by 60-57½. King didn't lose one of the six rounds, but there wasn't a lot of action in this one.

▲Cambridge Guildhall — Former British light-welter champ Des Morrison, Bedford, 142, outpointed Derek Simpson, Kilmarnock, 149, by 79½-77 over eight.

Seemingly a wide margin, but this was some fight, and the delighted fans tossed in nobbins to the value of £35.

Simpson was decked in the second, and Morrison boxed beautifully, and kept his opponent on the end of his accurate jab.

It wasn't until the seventh that Simpson was able to get to close quarters, and a long right staggered Morrison.

Simpson did his best to follow up his advantage in the final session, but Morrison gradually weathered the storm and was giving as good as he got in the final minute.

Pat Brogan, Crewe, 160½, outscored Clive Davidson, Peckham, 159, over eight by 79-78. The cleaner puncher got the verdict.

Dave Mullings, Tottenham, 165, beat Peter Whittle, Portsmouth, 162, the referee intervening in the third after the latter had been decked twice.

An easy win for Tony Vernon, Kettering, 132, who outpointed Steve Gaze, Southampton, 134, over six by 60-57. Vernon jabbed accurately and often, and it was all too much for plucky Gaze.

▲Digbeth Civic Hall, Birmingham — Steve Walker, 170, won the vacant Midlands Area light-heavyweight title by beating Billy Baggott, Birmingham, 172½, the bout being stopped in the ninth of a scheduled ten with Baggott helpless.

Walker, too, was very tired when the end came, after Baggott had been decked for eight, and was shipping punishment.

A hard scrap, with Baggott cut on the right cheek in the eighth, and Walker cut over the left eye in the previous round.

Wayne Bennett, Tredegar, 150¼, drew with Peter Morris, Bridgnorth, 147¼, over eight. A terrific scrap, which the crowd loved, and these two are among the best young prospects in the country.

Many thought Bennett deserved to win, and there was quite a bit of booing. Morris was cut over the right eye, and there was plenty of needle as they exchanged words with each other during the action.

Steve Foley, Bedford, 178, outpointed Roy Bailey, Bangor, 179½, over eight by 79-78. Bailey was down twice, but gave a good account of himself, and there was never much between them.

Bingo Crooks, Wolverhampton, 128, returned after a lay-off of nine months, to outscore Benny Purdy, Belfast, 132, by 79-78 over eight twos.

Crooks had too much experience for Purdy, who was having only his fourth bout. Bingo was able to coast home at his own pace.

Achille Mitchell, Coventry, 149, kept his unbeaten record by beating Derek McCarthy, Belfast, 146, the bout being stopped in the third of a scheduled eight twos.

Mitchell punched too hard and too fast for the aggressive McCarthy, who was several times forced to cover up before the referee's intervention, which came when Mac was no longer punching back.

▲Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club, Bratford — Central Area light-heavyweight champion Phil Martin, Manchester, 177, made it 11 wins in 12 bouts by outpointing substitute Carl Watson, Clapham, 178, over eight by 80-76½.

It was a comfortable win for Martin, but a section of the crowd booed, presumably because they questioned the legality of two body punches that put Watson down in the final round.

In fact, Watson gave a good account of himself, always willing to fight back and trade punches, and revealing fine stamina for a substitute. Martin was warned in the seventh to keep his punches up, and in spite of the two counts in the last round Watson kept going until the end.

Von Reid, Birmingham, 135, confirmed a previous victory by outpointing Henry Jacobs, Kirkby, 134¾, by 60-58 over six twos. Last time they met Jacobs was disqualified.

Debutant Godfrey Butler, Birmingham, 131, outscored Joey Gilbert, Leeds, 132, by 59½-58 over six. Butler turned in some neat punching in the early rounds, but it did appear that Gilbert could have put the pressure earlier than he did.

Ian Murray, Manchester, 115, beat John Chesters, Halifax, 111, for the third time with a points victory of 60-56½ over six twos, which meant the latter didn't win a round.

▲Arden Sporting Club, Birmingham — British welterweight champion Pat Thomas, Cardiff, beat Jim Devanney, Bradford, 150, the referee intervening in the eighth of a scheduled ten.

This was a non-title bout, scheduled for ten after the Board failed to give its approval to it being billed as for the championship.

Devanney was decked for five from a right to the chin just before the end of the eighth, and on rising was taking a bit of punishment when it was stopped.

Earlier Davanney had complained of a blood-blister on his right foot, brought about by new boots, the pain from which caused him to limp.

Thomas gave a near-faultless display of boxing and good footwork. He was never in trouble against a man who was trying everything he knew to put up a good fight that would earn him a title shot.

Devanney was plucky enough, but lacked the champion's class.

After three years on the sidelines, Pat Thomas's brother Carl, Cardiff, 160, came back to kayo Scottish light-middleweight champion John Smith, Glasgow, 160½, in the second round with a right uppercut to the body.

Thomas, formerly a contender for the British middleweight title, bided his time in the first round, then when the opening came, he took it. The blow took all the wind out of Smith, who afterwards described it as a perfect punch.

Roy Commosioung, Luton, 150, gained a 78½-77½ points verdict over eight against Mickey Ryce, Abingdon, 150, after being behind. It wasn't until the sixth that Roy put on the

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COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Richard Dunn (E)
1. Bunny Johnson (J)
2. Fonomanu Sekona (T)
3. Billy Aird (E)
4. Mani Vaka (T)
5. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
6. Danny McAlinden (I)
7. Eddie Neilson (E)
8. Maile Naimona (Samoa)
9. Rocky Campbell (Ant.)
10. John L. Gardner (E)

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Tony Mundine (A)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Roy John (W)
3. Tim Wood (E)
4. Victor Attivor (G)
5. Phil Martin (E)
6. Johnny Frankham (E)
7. Steve Aczel (A)
8. Gary Summerhays (C)
9. Baby Boy Rolle (J)
10. Phil Matthews (E)

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Monty Betham (NZ)
1. Bunny Sterling (J)
2. Alan Minter (E)
3. Kevin Finnegan (E)
4. Carlos Marks (Tr)
5. Dave Downey (C)
6. Gary Broughton (C)
7. Larry Paul (E)
8. Semi Bula (A)
9. Bill Knight (SK)
10. Carl Speare (E)

LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT

Championship
Vacant
1. Elisha Obed
2. Maurice Hope (Ant.)
3. Matt Donovan (Tr)
4. Shane Patrick (A)
5. Rocky Patterson (A)
6. Wally Carr (A)
7. Joe Keresi (Fiji)
8. Damiano Pellegrini (C)
9. Tony Poole (E)
10. Jimmy Batten (E)

WELTERWEIGHT

Championship
Vacant
1. John H. Stracey (E)
2. Clyde Gray (C)
3. Rocky Mattioli (A)
4. Fernand Marcotte (C)
5. Eddie Blay (G)
6. Bunny Grant (J)
7. Pat Thomas (SK)
8. Lawrence Hafey (C)
9. Henry Rhiney (J)
10. Trevor Francis (J)

LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Hector Thompson (A)
1. Martin Beni (Papua)
2. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
3. Joey Singleton (E)
4. Johnny Summerhays (C)
5. Dave Green (E)
6. Des Morrison (J)
7. Saoul Mamby (J)
8. Ross Eadie (A)
9. Dally Law (A)
10. Billy Waith (W)

LIGHTWEIGHT

Champion
Jonathan Dele (N)
1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Matt Ropis (A)
3. Fitzroy Guiseppe (Tr)
4. Jimmy Revie (E)
5. Tommy Dunn (E)
6. Lionel Rose (A)
7. George McGurk (E)
8. Dave Richards (A)
9. Paul Bink (A)
10. Len Blackmore (Guyana)

FEATHERWEIGHT

Championship
Vacant
1. David Kotey (G)
2. Art Hafey (C)
3. Vernon Sollas (S)
4. Merv Wockner (A)
5. George Turpin (E)
6. Tony Ryder (A)
7. Alan Richardson (E)
8. Bingo Crooks (J)
9. Jimmy Brown (A)
10. Billy Mulholland (A)

BANTAMWEIGHT

Champion
Paul Ferreri (A)
1. Brian Roberts (A)
2. Paddy Maguire (I)
3. Dave Needham (E)
4. Sulley Shittu (G)
5. Paddy Graham (I)
6. Jim West (A)
7. Brian Clout (A)
8. John Kellie (S)
9. Guinea Hillier (A)
10. Jim Slatter (A)

FLYWEIGHT

Championship
Vacant
1. Pat Mambwe (Zam)
2. John McCluskey (S)
3. Charlie Brown (A)

Billy Moeller (A) won the vacant Junior lightweight title and must defend against Mama Clay (N). Other contenders Barry Michael (A) and Jimmy Bell (S).

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BLACKMOORE UPSETS GUISEPPI

By ALLAN MANN

Paramount Promotions, a new promotional group, jumped into the limelight by bringing off a highly successful boxing card that featured a 10 round Junior Welterweight contest between crafty and experienced Fitzroy Guisseppi (Trinidad) the No. 3 contender for the Commonwealth Lightweight title and fast improving lightweight champ of Guyana, Len Blackmoore.

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By rounds 8 and 9 Guisseppi was taking a pasting, even though he fought back gamely whenever opportunity presented. With just 25 seconds to go in round 10, Referee Bill Browne stepped in to save Guisseppi from further punishment with the stricken fighter being savaged against the ropes. Guisseppi may have had an "off nite" but Blackmoore continues to show marked improvement.

KOTEY RETAINS WBC FEATHER CROWN

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be. He ended up always on the short end of any exchanges.

From the eighth on the contest was all Kotey. The only thing that remained to be seen was how long the referee would let Uehara go on taking such a bad beating.

In the eleventh round the referee stopped the bout and let the ringside doctor take a long look at Flipper. He let the contest go on, as the Japanese boy didn't want to quit. But the referee used good judgement in stopping the bout in the twelfth round. Uehara absorbed so much punishment and there was no way he could pull the contest out.

Kotey's next bout will be back in the U.S.A. He will box Mexico's David Sotelo in a 10 round non-title bout in the Forum, Ingelwood, California. Kotey will return to Gahan to defend his crown against another Japanese boxer, Shig Fukuyama. There is talk that he may meet the world featherweight champion, Alexis Arguello, Nicaragua, in the Forum later this year.

EUROPEAN CHAMP, COTENA, STOPS SOLLAS

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was nothing new, as he is noted for speaking his mind. Most times he has been able to back up his forecasts by winning. This time he failed.

Why did he fail? Some said it was because he had to make two visits to the scales. This was denied by manager Neill, who said the difference was just a couple of ounces.

Bobby talked of a mental black-out after ten rounds, for Sollas has yet to box fifteen. So it is possible that he just does not have the stamina to box more than ten without losing strength.

This is something that Vernon, Bobby and trainer Joe Devitt can only iron out in the gym. Manager Neill was also quoted as saying that Sollas lost the fight through carelessness, and that Vernon did not obey instructions.

Sollas would make no excuses, except to say that he should not have gotten caught with the right hand that started the trouble. He said he would meet Cotena again and beat him, even in Italy if necessary. But I can't see this fight taking place for quite some time.

Sollas could not be faulted for his display over the first ten rounds. He boxed superbly, and appeared to shake the 30-year-old Cotena on several occasions. Yet he invariably relaxed the pressure just when it seemed better to increase it. Whether this had anything to do with pacing the fight only Sollas knows.

This contest was one of the very few shown on live television in Britian these days, and made dramatic viewing. Also, Sollas did mention afterwards that the TV lights had been very hot to box under. But the same for Cotena, of course.

Sollas is still only 21, and maybe this setback is all for the best. It will make him realize that the way to any title is not easy, and that natural ability, which he has in plenty, is not by itself sufficient.

Quite early in Vernon's career I predicted in this column that he would win a British title. He did so, and I think that next time he has a shot at the European crown he will win it. After that, who knows?

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WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Johnny Boudreaux beat Brian O'Melia, 10.
Oscar Bonavena defeated Billy Joiner, 10.
Mike Schutte kayoed Obie English, 6.
Scott LaDoux outpointed Larry Middleton, 10.
Mahoud Fadel stopped Dan Waters, 3.
Leroy Jones halted Jody Ballard, 4.
Jimmy Fletcher stopped Angel Bagginni, 7.
Bernardo Mercado kayoed Mark White, 1.
Stan Ward beat Mac Foster, 10.
Cornell Verse outpointed Wilson Williams, 4.
Peter Ciccitelli kayoed Tim Flaherty, 2.
John Gardner stopped Bjorn Rudi, 3.
Alfio Righetti halted Armando Zanni, 5.
Mike Koranicki beat Harold Carter, 10.
Charley Johnson kayoed Phil Fritz, 3.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Tom Bethea beat Bill Douglas, 10.
Eddie Gregory kayoed Hildo Silva
Mike Rossman, decisioned Gene Wells, 10.
Chris Elliott drew with Casey Gacic, 10.
Bob Stewart stopped Otis Gordon, 4.
Roger Pinkey kayoed Ray Collins, 1.
Tony Greene beat Ed Turner, 8.
Alvaro Lopez decisioned Terry Lee, 10.
Hildo Silva drew with Karl Vinson, 10.
Marvin Camel stopped Donny Meloncon, 3.
Karl Heinz Schwartz halted Jimmy Verstappen, 4.
Joe Oke beat Ba Sounkalo, 8.
Sylvain Watbled outpointed Jean Tshikuna, 6.
Bob O'Brian beat Carlos Novotny, 8.
Domenico Adinolfi drew with Victor Attivor, 10.
Faustino Quinales beat Nario Almanzo, 8.
Peter Assandoh outpointed Gianni Mingardi, 8.
Pierre Fourie defeated Leo Kakolewicz, 10.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Elish Obed kayoed Tony Gardner, 2, W.B.C. junior middleweight title.
mgene Wells lost to Mike Rossman, 10, beat Vicente Medina, 10.
Ray Seales beat George Cooper, 10.
Keith Averett decisioned Perry Abner, 10.
Tony Gardner kayoed Ward Jones, 2.
Rafael Rodriguez beat Chuchu Garcia, 10.
Ike Shipman outpointed Chico Geromino, 6, lost to Rocky Mosley Jr., 6.
Roger Buckskin beat Fred Jones, 8.
Abel Cordova stopped Eugene Baldwin, 2.
Ryu Sorimachi beat Pedro Adigue, 12.
Clemente Gessi drew with Walter Guermieri, 10.
Maurice Hope halted Mimoun Mohatar, 2.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

George Cooper lost to Ray Seales, 10.
Jean Mateo kayoed Tony Licata, 8.
Willie Monroe outpointed Marvin Hagler, 10.
Marcelo Quinones stopped Luis Vinales, 5.
Danny McAloon halted Vince Pavon, 8.
Gratien Tonna kayoed Jules Bellaiche, 2.
Junior Golden beat Joe Parson, 4.
Wayne Lewis drew with Terry Moser, 4.
Doug Demmings outpointed Jimmy Owens, 8.
Mike Nixon won from Mike Avans, 10.
Bunny Sterling kayoed Frank Rieche, 13, E.B.U. middleweight title.
Jimmy Claar stopped Jim Thrope, 6.
Alfredo Naveiras stopped Tony Perez, 5.
Kevin Finnegan beat Oscar Angus, 10.
Monty Betham outpointed Alipate Korovou, 15, British Commonwealth middleweight title

WELTERWEIGHTS

John Stracey halted Hedegmon Lewis, 10l retained World Welterweight Title.
Peter Ranzany beat Adolph Viruet, 10.
Ron Gibbons kayoed Charlie Benjamin, 4.
Larry Bonds stopped Antonio Levya, 7.
Zeferino Gonzalez halted Francisco Ortega, 2.
Jacques Van Mellaerts beat Luis Lara Acosta, 10.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT

Wilfredo Benitez beat Antonio Cervantes, 15, to win World Junior welterweight title.
Tony Petronelli stopped Graten Hart, 12.
Johnny Turner halted Johnny Thompson, 6.
Carlos Barrigan decisioned Dave Kibby, 8.
Freddie Harris stopped George Anderson, 6.
Saadi Saadli beat Santino Reali, 10.
Giancarlo Barabotti drew with Guiseppe Minotti, 8.
Dave Green halted Billy Waith, 11, British junior welterweight title.
Pedro Fernandez and Jose Luis Pacheck, no contest, 10.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Javier Ayala beat Angel Mayoral, 10.
Adrian Marrera decisioned Termite Watkins, 10.
Jean-Baptiste Piedvache beat Ricardo Arredondo.
Bobby Chacon outpointed David Sotelo, 10, retired after the bout.
Dom Monaco beat Eduardo Santiago, 10.
Jimmy Heair kayoed Chu Chu Alonzo, 5, drew with Art Leon, 10.
Frank Santkri stopped Nat Whyms, 1.
Billy Parks beat Manny Lopez, 6.
Ed Rogers drew with Jose Luis Lopez, 5.
Mohammad Makhloufe defeated Jose Luis Lopez, 4.
Angel Rosa stopped Miguel Irrizarry, 3.
Jose DeJesus beat Dario DeJesus, 6.
Alirio Acuna outpointed Jose Resto, 10.
Jim Watt kayoed George Turpin, 4.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ronnie McGarvey beat Gerardo Aceves, 10.
Norman Goins lost to Mike Everett, 10.
Hector Garcia stopped Joel Lopez, 4.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Dave Kotey Poison kayoed Flipper Uegara, 11, W.B.C. featherweight title.
Art Hafey stopped Rodolfo Moreno, 10.
Danny Lopez kayoed Sean O'Grady, 3, U.S. featherweight title.
Elio Cotina halted Vernon Solis, 14, E.B.U. featherweight title.
Mike Ayala stopped Mario Castro, 1.
Warren Matthews kayoed Tony Sanchez, 1.
Roy Taylor beat Polito Valdez, 6, drew with Antonio Fuentes, 6.
Francisco Flores stopped Isidro Guzman, 5.
Lionel Hernandez beat Felix Figueroa, 10.
Eder Jofre halted Enzo Farinelli, 4.
Nino Jiminez beat Isidoro Cabezas, 8.
Nevio Carbi stopped Dante Guarniere, 3.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Seco Luna drew with Raul Tirada, 3.
Alberto Davila beat Lupe Pintor, 10.
Heleno Ferreira defeated Albert Amatler, 10.
Daniel Trioulaire beat Luigi Tessarin, 10.

FLYWEIGHTS

Alfonso Lopez kayoed Erbito Salavarria, 15, W.B.A. flyweight title.
Alberto Sandoval stopped Juan Rodriguez, 4, Juan Lopez, 5.
Franco Udella halted Pee Wee Emerson, 3.

ALONG THE VBA TRAIL

By SCOOP GALLELLO

Andrew Esposito, better known in his fistic days as "K.O. Morgan" passed away at age 67. Morgan, born in Stamford, Connecticut, lived most of his adult life in Detroit, was active from 1932-1948. He won decisions over Jackie Callura, Benny Lynch, Norman Hinton, Jose Santos and Sixto Escobar; he won a total of 75 bouts, boxing as a bantamweight winning 68 times, while losing only 5. He was stopped only once—due to cuts at the hands of Billy Gerbe. He was a member of IVBA Ring #32 of Detroit.

The Joe Baksi Raffle is over and the winner of a color TV set is Champ Snell of Paterson, N.J. Baksi, who has been very ill, was recently discharged from another hospital trip, and recuperating at his home.

Jimmy Walsh. . .former good amateur boxer in the late 1930's is in Northport V.A. Hospital, where he is recuperating from a heart seizure, as well as a leg amputation.

Al "Sparks" Antonaccio. . .Prexy of IVBA Ring #30 of Westchester County, passed away at 72. "Sparks," along with Bruce Flowers were the very first two fisticuffers elected into the Westchester County Boxing Hall of Fame. Billy Bossio, former Olympic and pro boxer is the new president of Ring #30, replacing the deceased Antonaccio.

Jo Handley. . .Prexy of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the IVBA announces July 24 as date of that group's 2nd annual banquet, to be held at Biase's, 451 Bloomfield Ave., Newark, N.J. For further information and tickets contact Jo at 108 Montgomery St., Piscataway, N.J.

Lenny Raemer. . .former boxing man from N.Y.C. and member of Ring #8 is now residing in Margate, Florida, where he is athletic & sports director at the Holiday Springs Hotel. Willie Lamorte. . .former king of the flyweights celebrating his 72nd birthday. Charlie Spina. . .Prexy of Ring #14 of New Jersey, has recently been elected president of the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame.

Tom Ward. . .public relations chairman for the IVBA recently returned from a trip to Norfolk, Va. where he is attempting to form a new ring group. Johnny Lebow, John Antonacci, Quill Pettway and John Nave-all IVBA members are busy working on an international bill for the IVBA in Albany, N.Y.

Ring #30 of Westchester County is holding 11th annual banquet at the Glen Island Casino in New Rochelle, N.Y. on June 19. Honoring Paul Berlenbach, Solly Seeman, N.Y. State Boxing Commission James Farley, Jr., Artie Levine and former welter champ Kid Gavilan. Ring #14 of New Jersey holds annual Dinner-Dance on May 1 at the Cabana Club in that area.

George "Little Mac" McCarthy. . .member of Ring #102 of Paterson, N.J. is being honored by the American Cancer Society at the Lakeview Convalescent Center for his hard and dedicated work for that cause.

BOXING IN ARGENTINA

By SIMON BRONENBERG and ALFREDO PORZIO

▲**Corrientes** — In the middle class, Oscar Campagna won over Octavio Escauriza by a TKO in six.

▲**Rafaela** — in the heavy class, Antonio Musladino decisioned Francisco Bono in 8 rounds.

▲**San Carlos de Bariloche** — Good prospect in the bantam class Arnoldo "Pato" Aguero kayoed Jose Arias in third round.

▲**Rosario** — In the welter division Miguel Comdi kayoed Hugo Quiroga in 3rd round.

▲**Salta** — Argentine feather champion Oscar "Cachin" Mendez decisioned Hipolito Nunez in 10. Nunez lost the fight and his undefeated status. Non title bout.

▲**Pergamino** — Omar Zarza beat Luis Sosa in 10. They are welters.

▲**Posadas** — Argentine bantam champion Benicio Sosa outpointed Ramon Gonzalez in 10 rounds. Non title bout.

▲**San Carlos Bariloche** — Undefeated in the junior welter class, Hector "Yeye" Hernandez beat Abel Funes by a TKO in first round.

▲**Tunuyan** — In the middle class Alfredo Cruz kayoed Luis Ibanez in third round.

▲**San Juan** — In the light class, Luis Contreras won over Leon Montes by a TKO in seventh round.

▲**Cordoba** — Ex-Argentine fly champion Juan J. Brizuela, now in the bantam division, lost to Julio Saba in a 10 round decision.

▲**Barranqueras** — In the welter class Romulo Ibarra won over Juan Barraza in the fourth round by a medical decision.

▲**Armstrong** — In the welter division Rene Campos decisioned Ramon Herrera in 10.

▲**Buenos Aires** — At the Luna Park ring, ex-world junior welter champion Nicolino Locche beat Emiliano Villa, from Colombia, receipts: 355 million pesos—Record for Argentine.

▲**Salta** — In the junior welter class, Ceferino Norales beat Mario "Hammer" Miranda in 10 rounds.

▲**Salta** — Norberto Cabrera whipped Argentine middle champion Rodolfo Rosales in 10 rounds. Non title bout.

▲**Posadas** — In the welter class, Juan Olivera decisioned Hector Caceres in 10 rounds.

▲**Cordoba** — In the middle division Hugo I. Saavedra beat Juan "Yanni" Garcia by a TKO in the seventh round.

▲**Mendoza** — In the feather division Enrique Aguero outpointed Miguel Maldonado in 10.

▲**General Pinedo** — In the junior light class Ramon Duarte whipped Cirilo Ruiz in 10.

▲**General Conesa** — In the junior welter class Juan S. Garcia beat Luis Moyano by a TKO in fourth.

▲**Trelew** — In the feather division Juan D. Malvarez won over Carlos Portillo by a TKO in five.

▲**Salta** — Argentine junior welter champion Carlos Maria Gimenez easily decisioned Juan A. Merlo in 10 rounds.

▲**Cordoba** — In the bantam division, Jose Casas, ex Argentine bantam champion, beat Ricardo Alvarez in 10.

▲**Posadas** — By a medical decision in nine Carlos Escalante beat Juan C. Rios. They are flyweights.

▲**San Carlos Bariloche** — Arnoldo "Pato" Aguero and Gilberto Lopez, from Uraguay, drew in 10. They are flyweights.

▲**San Juan** — In the feather division Rodolfo R. Diaz and Roberto R. Diaz drew in 6.

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AUSSIE CHAMPION BULA SUFFERS 2 JAW BREAKS IN BOUT WITH BETHAM

By RAY MITCHELL

Sydney, Australia — It was a bad break for Australian middleweight champion Semi Bula, 156½, when he met New Zealand's Monty Betham, 154¼, for Monty's Commonwealth middleweight title at Pt. Kembla Leagues Club.

Actually two bad breaks, because that is what finished the fight in the 9th round—Semi had both jaws broken.

Bula got away to a good start but at the end of the third round he complained to his corner that his jaw was sore. As no dynamite punch had landed on it, his corner did not consider a break. Just one of those things where an ordinary punch at the right angle when the mouth is open can cause damage.

There were no knockdowns in the fight but midway through the ninth round, after taking a sharp left hook, Semi turned away and fell to his knees.

"I can't go on," he murmured. I stopped the fight. Later examination revealed both jaws broken. Semi had put on a great display under the circumstances and on my card was one point ahead. One judge, Trevor Christian, had Betham one point ahead, while the other judge, Les Wilson, had it even. Bula had seemed to be aging in the sixth round (though obviously it was the pain from the jaws that brought the grayness) and it seemed apparent at that stage that Betham would go on to victory.

In an eight-round main support Billy Mulholland, 131, easily outpointed Roger Henry, 128.

▲Brian Roberts, 115¾, retained his Australian bantamweight title by outpointing Guinea Hillier, 113½, over 12 rounds at Springvale Town Hall. Roberts was brilliant and won clearly on all cards: referee Ken Brady, judges Peter Read and Malcolm Bulner.

Put this one down in the Unusual Events book. Supporting the Roberts-Hillier title fight were (apart from five prelim bouts) karate and vaudeville, the vaudeville consisting of female strippers!

▲And in the Rough Fights section include the 10-rounder between Big Red (Rod Christsen), 177, and Joe Vella, 173. It was the roughest fight I've ever seen. I could have disqualified Vella five seconds after the fight started—when he butted Big Red—and that would have made the record books for the shortest fight in history.

Instead I gave him a severe lecture and docked him a point. From then on both committed every breach known to science. At one stage Big Red was so incensed that he hit me, the ref! At the end I carded Big Red two points ahead but judges Dick Kerr and Ian Brown each carded a draw so that was the official decision. Venus was South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford.

▲Eight nights later Big Red, 175, met N.S.W. State lightheavyweight champion Al Gattling, 175, over ten at North Sydney Leagues Club, Cammeray, and this was a clean fight all the way. Gattling carried too many guns and won clearly on points. Again I was the ref, the usual third man at this club, Jimmy Carruthers, being on holiday.

▲Fast-rising Victorian State lightweight champion Barry Michael, 131¾, added another good scalp to his belt at Blacktown R.S.L. Club, when he narrowly outpointed Dave Richards, 133, over ten rounds. A top scrap between two good boys. Michael now is the leading contender for Matt Ropis's Australian title.

It was a hair-curling scrap at Punchbowl R.S.L. Club on March 5. Local idol Benny Holt, 155, met late substitute Phil Khan, 155, over ten, and Benny, instead of boxing as he can, fought all the way, knowing that he was fitter than Khan. A mistake. Khan hits hard. At the end of the 8th round the bout was even but Khan dropped Holt twice in the 9th and on the second down Benny was in no condition to take another punch so I stopped the fight. Crowd showered the ring with coins for several minutes. It was Khan's eighth successive KO win.

▲Fijian Senitiki Qata halted comebacking Steve Hallcroft with an eye injury in the 8th round of their ten at Blacktown R.S.L. Hallcroft claimed a thumb got in his eye. It certainly was sore. No weights announced but Qata is a light-heavy, while Hallcroft appeared to be several pounds heavier.

▲Former Olympic medallist Mate Parlov, who has been making great strides in Europe, was brought to Australia by Nick Todorovic recently for three fights. He had his first here at Alexandria Basketball Stadium, against Senitiki Qata, and Mate won very well on points though he did not create a great impression. Announced weights were 180½ Parlov; 176½ Qata, but Parlov appeared to be more like 196.

▲Former Australian and Commonwealth flyweight champion Big Jim West, who relinquished his titles because of weight difficulties, has blown up a great deal and scaled 131 for his ten with Andy Broome, former lightweight champion of Australia, who weighed in at 134¾, at Blacktown. Hard fight with Broome a points winner—clearly.

▲Two State title tilts headed a bill at Whyalla. In one, Terry Fox, 175, won the vacant South Australian light-heavy title when he halted Ray Spurling, 169, in the third round. In the other, Alan Aldenhoven stopped Michael Cassidy in round six for the S.A. State welter crown. A cut eye brought the stoppage of this one. Till then it was a hard fight with little in it.

▲At Blackton, Joe Keresi, 148, was too good for Alan Aldenhoven, 148, referee Alf Weymark calling it off in the sixth round with Aldenhoven taking it. Aldenhoven had cuts that took nine stitches but it wasn't the cuts that brought the end.

Same venue one week later, Australian lightweight champion Matt Ropis, 136¼, made a return to the ring after 10 months and lost on points to Andy Broome, same weight. Matt was ring rusty. Ropis was shot some weeks before. It happened when he tried to take a rifle from a man who was shooting at a party. Matt copped two bullets, one of them in his upper jaw, but he disarmed the man.

▲Reno Rico, 134, outpointed Wayne Wallace, 127, over ten at South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford, by a big margin but Wallace made him earn his points and the crowd showered the ring with coins after the contest.

▲Lanky Phil Davies, 136, outscored bull terrier Dick Bolton, by a big margin at Manly-Warringah Leagues Club, Brookvale, and this, too, drew a shower of coins. There was plenty of fast action.

▲Davies appeared in the main against Dave Agnew, 134½, at Western Suburbs Leagues Club, New Lambton, 15 nights later and won on points to retain his unbeaten record.

Comebacking New Zealander Dennis Enright, 148½, was given a tough one first up after a spell when he was tossed in with Steve Dennis, 146, in the ten at Marrickville R.S.L. Club on March 10, but Enright gave a good account of himself till near the end. He was decked twice in the 9th and when he was dropped in the 10th referee Alf Weymark called a halt and crowned Dennis. Dennis, a sure-fire coming Australian champion, has won 15 of his 16 fights, 13 by KO.

▲Final result of the month comes from Tweed Heads, where, Kevin Gibb, 142¼, outpointed Speedy Duke, 143¼, in a good ten.

SUMMERHAYS OVER MORRISON BY SPLIT DECISION

By JOHN McCAFFERTY

Akron, Ohio — Payton Shir promoted a pro boxing show at Kansas City in which 1567 paid. He also came up with a couple of great prospects in Tony Chiaverini and Leroy Green Jr. Gary Summerhays, 174, Brantford, Ont., won a split decision from Tracy Morrison, 173, Kansas City, in a ten rounder. Tony Chiaverini, 164, won an eight round decision over Al Clay, 162½, Chicago. Leroy Green, Jr., 147½, won a TKO from Emmitt Atlas, 148, Bastrop, La., in the fifth round. Atlas down three times in the fifth. Wardell Williams, 126, K.C., won a 4 round decision over Tony Reed, 122, Chicago. Hank Gregory, 162, Decatur, Ark., KO'ed Cisco Oliver, 157, Chicago, in the 3rd. Shir can come back with Chiaverini (7-0-1) and Leroy Green Jr. (5-0) in a double windup next month. Both are very popular in K.C.

▲Toronto — Ralph Moncrief, 162, Cleveland, pulled off an upset when he knocked out Damiano Pelligrino, 164, in the 2nd round. Irv Ungerman imported Pelligrino from Italy two years ago and had high hopes for him. He was undefeated going into the Moncrief fight. He is now 10-1 and Ralph is 8-2. In the semi, Danny Stokes, 135, Toronto, won a split 6 round decision from veteran Julio Mandell, 136, Toronto. Amateur bouts completed the card.

▲Fast improving Gaetan Hart, 135, KO'ed Leo Difiore, 133½, in the 5th round. Hart is from Hull, Quebec, Difiore, from Portland, Maine. Marc Bervais, 154, won on a TKO in the 7th round over Terry Rondeau, 146, Pittsfield, Mass. Gervais has slipped a lot since being badly beaten by Billy Backus and it might be well if he retired.

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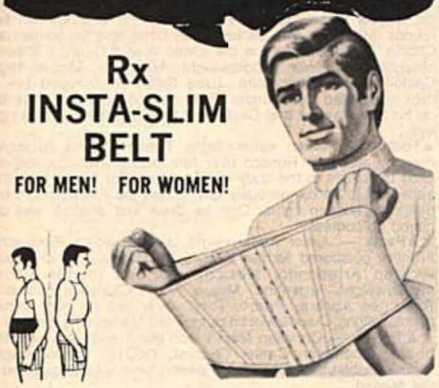

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By JACK A. TREE

STERLING AND CAZEAUX WIN VACANT CROWNS

HAMBURG, Germany—Three title fights in eight days saw two vacant European crowns claimed and one champion retain his title. In Hamburg, Britain's Bunny Sterling beat Frank Reiche, Germany, KO13 to win Gratien Tonna's, France, vacated middleweight title. In London, Vernon Sollas was beaten in his own backyard by featherweight champion Elio Cotena, Italy, KO14, and at St. Nazaire, Roland Cazeaux, France, won Svein Erik Paulsen's, (Norway), vacated junior lightweight crown, outpointing Rudi Haeck, Belgium.

The Sterling-Reiche was one of the best fights seen on the continent for some time. Sterling was resuced by the third man in round three and by the gong in frame eleven. In the thirteenth a short crisp right decked the German, but he had made his feet as the bell sounded.

Referee Dino Ambrosini, Italy, took action that was not clear, but apparently he had decided the fight was over for the German. Reiche was sent back to his corner as he came out for the fourteenth and a near riot broke out among the 3500 crowd.

Vernon Sollas was favored to take Elio Cotena's crown, but he ran out of gas after dominating ten rounds or so. The Briton was at least four points ahead at the end of round thirteen, but in the following heat he dropped to the canvas and lay face downwards on the bottom rope. He was up at nine, but Cotena landed lefts and rights that sent Sollas down again.

At eight he had made his feet, but referee Jean Deswarts, Belgium, carried on counting. Judge Rene Schaltenbrand, Switzerland, had scored in favor of Vernon Sollas but Maurice Hess, France, surprisingly had it all square at the time of the knockout.

The Roland Cazeaux—Rudi Haeck affair was very close with referee James Brimmell, Britain, and the Italian judge scoring in favor of Dazeaux 148-147 and 148-145 respectively while the German official voted for Haeck who later claimed he had broken his right hand in round twelve.

Belgium's Jean Pierre Coopman, who met Muhammed Ali in last February has been banned by the EBU from fighting in Europe for two years.

Max Cohen, in accepting a world title date with Rodrigo Valdes, has been relieved of his French middleweight crown.

Ex-world champion, Nino Benvenuti, Italy, has been refereeing amateur bouts recently and attendances have improved.

Jr. welterweight Jean-Baptiste Piedvache, France, left, outscored former WBC Jr. lightweight champion Ricardo Arrendondo, Mexico, right, over ten rounds, in Paris.

Hamburg, Germany, A complete misunderstanding among officials, boxers and a few members of the public sparked off a near riot in the Alsterdorf sport hall, Hamburg, where a crowd of only 3500 had assembled to see Britain, Bunny Sterling (27) and German Frank Reiche (26) meet for Frenchman Gratien Tonnas' vacated European middleweight crown.

Sterling became the new champion in round thirteen after he had decked the German with a short, crisp right to the chin. Reiche made his feet at the count of 'three' and as Italian referee Dino Ambrosini reached 'eight' the bell closed the round with both boxers, Reiche staggering, going to their respective corner.

Had the time-keeper not sounded the gong for round fourteen, and had the boxers not left their stool for further action, there would probably have been no outbreak of violence.

But as the boxers prepared for battle referee, Ambrosini, sent Reiche packing and it was then clear that the third man had in fact ended the bout at the close of the previous round considering the German was not fit to continue.

Ambrosini's action was not however clear to many at the ringside and certainly not to Reiche and his handlers who protested strongly. Seeing a TV repeat later it was obvious that Ambrosini acted in accordance with par 50 (9) of the EBU rule book which allows the third man to ignore the bell, continue counting if necessary, and to end the fight should he feel a boxer is not fit enough to continue.

A dozen or so of the public stormed the ring while others aimed missiles at the officials. Sterling and his manager, George Francis, did not stop for the official crowning ceremony but slipped quietly almost unnoticed from the ring to the dressing room. German official, Fritz Mertern, could hardly make himself heard from the ring as he tried to explain to the crowd what had gone wrong. Sterling was the winner and the new champion he said and if Ambrosini had not acted in accordance with the EBU rules a protest would be made. President of the Bund Deutscher Berufsboxer (BDB) said later that Ambrosini had abided by all rules and regulations and that he would not be complaining to the EBU.

I gave rounds 1.4.5.6.7.9.10 and 13 to Sterling, and 2.3.8.11.12 to Reiche. Referee Dino Ambrosini, Italy, favored Sterling, judge Maurice Hess, France, had Reiche in front while judge Jose Perotti, Spain, had both men even.

The episode ended with Frank Reiche losing his nerve throwing punches and kicking at the golden laurel wreath, intended for the crowning ceremony, which had been placed in Sterling's empty corner.

It finally landed in the public and was thrown around the arena until it was brought back to the ring again. The policemen who came to rescue the third man, Ambrosini lost their white peak caps as the crowd closed in on the Italian official.

Bunny Sterling, although taking a count in rounds three and eleven was ahead on points when the bout was brought to a close. One did not expect Reiche to outpoint his opponent, he had to KO his man to win, but at the close of round twelve it looked as if the German was on his way to be crowned the new champion.

Twice the German came near winning, but the third man's count in the third and the gong in the eleventh caem to Sterling's rescue. Sterling always came back fighting strongly and Reiche had no answer to the Britain's left hadn which was for ever landing in his face.

The punch that floored Reiche in the thirteenth was a beautiful right to the jaw. He fell backwards and although he made his feet at 'three' he was still groggy. I was very surprised to see Sterling boxing so well, for this was only his second bout in fourteen months. In taking Reiche to KO the Briton, I was wrong but have no excuses to make. Either would have been a worthy champion and they produced one of the best fights seen on the continent for years. If Sterling possessed Reiche's punch and if the German could box so brilliantly as Sterling, either could collect a world title.

Promoter, Wilfred Schulz lost money on his show which had been postponed when Reiche went down with flu. The 3500 customers paying will have left Schulz with a deficit of some DM 30,000. Sterling collected DM 40,000 and Reiche DM 15,000.

It was third time lucky for Sterling who had lost European title fights to Jean Claude Bouttier, France, (1971) and to Italian, Elio Calcabrini 1973.

British boxers have now met Germans in European title bouts on 14 occasions, winning ten losing three and drawing one.

Heavyweight. German, Karl Heinz Klein, kayoed in one round by Italian, Domenico Adinolfi and German Leo Kakowlewicz, making a comeback after ten months, beat Sjimmy Verstappen, Holland, who was counted out on his feet in round four. Light heavyweight. Joe Oke, Ghana, outscored Ba Souankalo, Africa, ten. Middleweight. German junior middleweight champion, Peter Wulf (23) outpointed the British based Jamaican, Oscar Angus (22), ten.

Heavyweight. Argentine, Angel Cuello, scored his sixteenth straight win beating the German based American, Ray Anderson. A right uppercut decked Cuello in the first but he came back to KO Anderson in the sixth with a hard left hook. Falling backwards the American hit his head on the canvas and it was sometime before he could leave the ring.

FRANCE

▲Auxle Chateau — Heavyweight. Jean Velval outscored Fausto Constantino, six.

▲St Amand les Eaux — Junior welterweight. Franco Soro and Jean Michel Vantourex drew their six rounder.

▲Compeigne — Light heavy. Robert Amory outscored Arno Prick, Germany, eight.

▲Rheims — Junior middleweight. Idrissa Konate beat Alfred Lagasse, KO4.

▲Faches Thumesnil — Junior welterweight. Daniel Brin decisioned Luigi Renda, six.

▲Paris — Light heavyweight. 29 year-old, Argentine champion, Miguel Angel Cuello beat Britain, Phil Matthews in two rounds. Matthews was decked three times and his cornerman, Charlie Atkinson, threw in the towel. It was Cuello's fifteenth straight win. Junior middleweight. Argentine, Miguel Angel Castellini beat Frenchman, Jules Bellaiche in round five of their scheduled ten rounder. Bellaiche counted out while still on his feet claimed that Castellini's thumb had injured his right eye.

▲Toulon — British welterweight. Trevor Francis outscored Frenchman, Alain Ruocco over ten rounds. Ruocco was decked by a right to the body in round three for five, a blow that appeared to be dangerously low. It was the Frenchman's first defeat in sixteen fights. One he drew and another was declared no contest.

▲Paris — Junior welterweight. Jean Baptiste Piedvache, France, outscored former WBC junior lightweight champion Ricardo Arredondo, Mexico, over ten rounds. Junior middleweight. Argentine. Miguel Angel Castellini outscored Radames Abrera, Puerto Rico, over ten rounds. Junior middleweight. Claude Martin outpointed Michel Chapier, ten.

▲Troyes — Christian Martin won the French flyweight title beating champion Daniel Charvet, TKO10. Featherweight. Patrick Goblet beat Christian Valentin, who was disqualified in the second.

▲Conde sur Escaut — Junior welterweight. Jean Pierre Younsi outscored Gerard Leterme, eight. Lightweight. Didier Kowalski beat Dominique Cella, KO1, Jean Claude Sider beat Andre Poulain, KO3.

▲Creil — Junior lightweight. Gerard Jacob beat Isidore and Jo Rodriguez drew their ten rounder.

▲Paris — Welterweight. Alain Marion decisioned Alian Salmon, six. Light heavyweight. Michel Dylbaiys beat Xhristian Pericat, TKO2. Junior middleweight. Gilbert Cohen beat Jean Louis Jouriaux, TKO3.

▲Tourcoing — Junior middleweight. Francis Vermandere and Joseph Rodriguez drew their ten rounder.

▲Annecy, Feb. 14th. — Welterweight. Pascal Real Martin beat Jo Gninion, TKO5.

SPAIN

▲Tarrasa — Featherweight. Manuel Masso beat Frank Realinho TKO8. Junior welterweight. Francisco Leon outscored Fernando Tavares, eight.

▲Oviedo — Mariano Perez retained his Spanish junior welterweight title outscoring Fernando Sanchez, twelve. Junior light. Miguel Molleda fought back after a shaky start to stop Gitano Jiminez. inthe seventh.

▲Santander — Lightweight. Lastra beat Munoz Jurado, TKO1.

▲Madrid — Featherweight. Emilio Barcala beat Pedro Coque KO3.

▲**San Sebastian** — Heavyweight. Sugar Silex beat Enito Esriche, KO3.

▲**Cadiz** — Junior welterweight. Miguel Velasquez outscored Fierrito Fernandez, eight.

▲**Figuera** — Featherweight. Manuel Masso beat Agostino Pineiro, KO1. Bantamweight. Abdelkader Esmain decisioned Angel Oliver, eight.

▲**Madrid** — Featherweight. Jose Luis Rodriguez outscored Emilio Barcallo, six.

ITALY

▲**Turin** — Jun welterweight. Giancarlo Usai beat Ali Issaoui, TKO1. Heavyweight. Alfio Righetti beat Benito Penna, TKO7. Light heaveyweight. Aldo Traversaro beat Yannick Dufour, TKO2. Middleweight. Walter Guernieri and Aldo Bentini drew their eight rounder.

▲**Milan** — Jun middleweight. Rocky Mattioli outscored Cubby Jackson, USA, ten. Junior welterweight. Efisio Pinna outscored Luciano Laffranchi, eight. Featherweight. Salvatore Melluzzo beat Pasquale Arini who was disqualified in round three. Light. Vincenzo Burgio beat Giovanni Maiorano, six.

▲**Persaro** — Junior middleweight. Damiano Lassandro decisioned Gianni Mingardi, eight. Lightweight. Oliviero Pierleoni outpointed Gianfranco Cianconi, six.

▲**Citivanova** — Sergio Emili decisioned Giuseppe Martucci, eight.

▲**Trieste** — Light heavyweight. Mate Parlov, beat Mack Foley, USA, TKO2. Featherweight. Nevio Carbi beat Giuseppe Agate, TKO4. Light heavyweight. Faustino Quinales decisioned Mario Almanzo, eight.

▲**Faenza** — Light heavyweight. The Pietropaolo Capezzone-Christiano Cavino affair was declared no contest in the very first round.

▲**Milan** — Jun welterweight. Ernesto Bergamesco outscored Jean Pierre Younsi, eight. Middleweight. Germanio Valsecchi beat Mustapha Kabangu, KO5. Jose Luis Duran and Gabriele Lazzari drew their eight rounder.

▲**Forli** — Primo Bandini won the Italian junior welterweight title outpointing champion, Romano Fanali, twelve. Welterweight. Italio Venturi outscored Giuseppe Martinese, eight.

▲**Turin** — European light heavyweight champion, Domenico Adinolfi, Italy, drew his non title fight over eight rounds with Britain, Victor Attivor. The Britain took a count of eight from a right hander in round four and then took a standing count. He fought back strongly to share the points, in fact some thought he had won.

HOLLAND

▲**Scheveningen** — Dutch welterweight champion, James Vrij, outscored, Britain, Henry Rhiney, over eight rounds a decision that did not go down well with the crowd who thought Rhiney deserved a draw at least. In the main affair Rudi Coopmans a Dutch middleweight, outscored Clemente Tshinza, Zaire, ten. Coopmans right hand injured sometime ago, atill appears to be giving him trouble.

▲**Haque** — Welterweight James Vrij outscored Jürgen Voss, Germany, eight. Middleweight. Rudi Copmans decisioned Peter Scheibner, Germany, ten.

SWITZERLAND

▲**Geneva** — Middleweight. Jean Mateo beat Larry Paul, TKO2. Welterweight. Georges Warusfel beat Nicola D'Orazio, TKO3.

▲**Berne** — Welterweight. Kevin White beat Max Hebeisen, KO10.

TURKEY

▲**Istanbul** — Junior welterweight. Cemal Kamaci, European junior welterweight champion met German, Lothar Abend, in a non title match and won in round two when Abend retired with a cut eye.

LUXEMBOURG

▲**Esch** — Welterweight. Jean Pierre Heirman beat Mustapha Kabunga, TKO4. Middleweight. Jacques Chinou beat Bernard Artone, KO2.

BELGIUM

▲**Bruges** — Fernand Roelands, Belgium, outscored Andre Holyk, France, to win the vacant European lightweight title. Welterweight. Fredo Roelands outscored Giampaolo Piras, eight. Middleweight. Michel Caron outpointed Jacques Chinon, six. Hendrik Seys decisioned Mohammed Arras, six.

▲**Eupen** — Light heavyweight. Christian Mossoux beat Fernand De Ruyter, KO6.

▲**Zele** — Light heavyweight. Freddy DeKerpel beat Hans Dieter Schwartz, TKO4. Junior welterweight. Jean van Torre decisioned Franco Soro, six. Welterweight. Alois Carmeliet decisioned Jean Claude Sider, six.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

Heavyweights
Title vacant
1. Jean Pierre Coopman (B)
2. Bernd August (G)
3. Dante Cane (I)
4. Alfio Righetti (I)
5. Benito Penna (I)
6. Lorenzo Zanon (I)
7. Bjorn Rudi (N)
8. Bepi Ross (I)
9. Jan Lubbers (H)
10. Mario Baruzzi (I)

Light Heavies
* Domenico Adinolfi (I)
1. Aldo Traversaro (I)
2. Harold Skog (N)
3. Freddy DeKerpel (B)
4. Leo Kakolewicz (G)
5. Mate Parlov (Y)
6. Christian Poncelet (F)
7. Ennio Cometti (I)
8. Francisco Fiol (I)
9. Rudi Lubbers (H)
10. Yannick Dufour (F)

Middleweights
* Bunny Sterling (GB)
1. Jeam Mateo (F)
2. Frank Reiche (G)
3. Gratien Tonna (F)
4. Max Cohen (F)
5. Angelo Jacopucci (I)
6. Roberto Benacquista (I)
7. Jose Hernandez (S)
8. Trento Fachiocchi (F)
9. Poul Knudsen (D)
10. Germando Valsecchi (I)

Junior Middles
* Vito Antuofermo (I)
1. Eckhard Dagge (G)
2. Antonio Cassellini (I)
3. Jose Duran (S)
4. Franz Csandl (A)
5. Mimoun Mahatar (S)
6. Dum Dum Pacheo
7. Jean Claude Warusfel (F)
8. Moises Fajardo (S)
9. Damiano Lassandro (I)
10. Aldo Bentini (I)

Welterweights
Title vacant
1. Bruno Arcari (I)
2. Mario Scano (I)
3. Domenico DiJorio (I)
4. Guissepe Russi (I)
5. Giovanni Molesini (I)
6. Georges Warusfel (F)
7. Nicola Sassanelli (I)
8. Jorgen Hansen (D)
9. Antonio Chiodoni (I)
10. Jacques van Mellaerts (F)

Junior Welters
* Cemal Kamaci (T)
1. Perico Fernandez (S)
2. Jose Gomez Fouz (S)
3. Primo Bandini (I)
4. Bruno Freshi (F)
5. Jean Saadli (F)
6. Jean Baptiste Piedvache (F)
7. Romano Fanali (I)
8. Miguel Velasquez (S)
9. Ernesto Bergamesco (I)
10. Jesus de la Rosa (S)

Lightweights
* Fernand Roelands (B)
1. Svein Erik Paulsen (N)
2. Giancarlo Usai (I)
3. Andre Holyk (F)
4. Antonio Puddu (I)
5. Vincent Quero (I)
6. Jeronimo Lucas (S)
7. Rosario Sanne (I)
8. Isidoro Cabeza (S)
9. Claude Lormeau (F)
10. Giancarlo Barabotti (I)

Junior lights
* Roland Cazeaux (F)
1. Rudi Haeck (B)
2. Natale Vezzoli (I)
3. Giuseppe Mura (I)
4. Franco Diana (I)
5. Giovanni Girgenti (I)
6. Ugo Poli (I)
7. Michele Siracusa (I)
8. George Cotin (F)
9. Rodolfi Sanchez (S)
10. Luis Aisa (S)

Featherweights
* Elio Cotena (I)
1. Albert Amatler (F)
2. Nevio Carbi (I)
3. Sergio Emilio (I)
4. Nino Jiminez (S)
5. Manuel Masso (S)
6. Enzo Farinelli (I)
7. Gino Jiminez (S)
8. Ramon Garcia Marichal (S)
9. Pasqualino Morbidella (I)
10. Jose Bisbal (S)

Flyweights
* Franco Udella (I)
1. Franco Sperati (I)
2. Fritz Chervet (Swtz)
3. Franco Buglione (I)
4. Emilio Pireddu (I)
5. Christian Martin (F)
6. Daniel Charvet (F)
7. Dominique Cesari (F)
8. Tarcisio Boi (I)
9. Claude Tenda (I)
10. Altero Marini (I)

Bantamweights
* Daniel Trioulaire (F)
1. Salvatore Fabrizio (I)
2. Ambrogio Mariani (I)
3. Guy Caudron (F)
4. Fernando Bernandez (S)
5. Luigi Tessarin (I)
6. Jacky Bihin (F)
7. Teodoro Coralli (I)
8. Rodriguez Figueroa (S)
9. Bob Allotey (S)
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PHILIPPINE ACTION

By FELIPE J. C. GALANG

Alfonso Lopez, 111½ and challenger to WBA crown dethroned Erbito Salavarria, 110 and flyweight world title in WBA version by knocking him out in the 15th and last round in their title bout at the Araneta Coliseum.

The 22-year old Lopez knocked down the fast tiring champion for the mandatory eight-count in the 14th round before pounding the 29-year old Filipino into submission with four successive left straights in the final round. Salavarria slowly crumpled in his corner, and referee Carlos Padilla Jr. stepped in to end the massacre and award the decision to Alfonso Lopez at 33 seconds of the 15th round. The Panamanan proved too strong for Salavarria.

Colley Saloma, 135 and featherweight kingpin of the Philippines had an easy sailing with Walter Naldo, 126, and No. 2 challenger to the crown. The champion kayoed Naldo in the 4th round. Ramon Elorde, 129½ defeated Boy Oliva, 127½ by split decision. Ric Moreno, 126 bested Flash Oliver, 126 in 8 rounds. Mike Benitz, 131 outpointed Rudy Magtira, 129 in 8.

▲Alex Tancio, 122 defeated Jun Moring, 122 in 10 rounds in Bukidnon and promoted by Edilberto Arca. The bout was for the Reginnal Featherweight Championship of Mindanao.

Ben Aldeguer, 112, won a split decision over Tanny Simbajon, 122, in 10 rounds in Ormoc City, Leyte and promoted by Rodolfo Sevilla.

▲Sandy Torres, 122, badly outpointed Danny Reyes, 120, in 10 rounds in Marikina, Rizal and promoted by Grego Garcia.

Tony Co, 109 defeated Bonnie Cajes, 112, in 10 rounds in Davao del Norte and promoted by Margarito Daramayo.

▲Flash Gallego, 142 bested Fel Pedranza, 147 in 10 rounds in Olongapo City and promoted by Ruben Rodriguez.

▲Philip Tagupa, 108 outpointed Dan Reyes, 110 in 10 rounds in Davao City and promoted by Agustin Garcia.

▲Joe Alamo, 134½ defeated Fred Pastor, 135 former Oriental Lightweight Champion in 10 rounds in Angeles City and promoted by Antonio Esguerra.

▲Noel Arriesgado, 125 did not have a hard time in defeating Johnny Sato, 125 in 10 rounds in Quezon City and promoted by Lope Sarreal Jr.

▲Dan de Guzman, 142 defeated Ely Yares, 141 in 10 rounds in Cabanatuan City and promoted by Rogelio Solomon. It must be remembered that Yares was once the welterweight champion and no met his master.

▲Erning Grafe, 125 drew with Edwin Alarcon, 123 in Cebu City after 10 action filled rounds. It was promoted by Lope Sarreal Jr. Manny Ysrael, 135½ bested Tito Gonzaga, 140 in a give and take affair of 10 rounds.

Moises Cantoja, 133¾ defeated Tony Jumao-as, 133 in 10 rounds in Cebu City. Jumao-as is the lightweight champion of the Philippines and the title was not at stake.

▲Cecil Escobido, 112 won over Gony Alvar, 111 in Angeles City after 10 rounds and promoted by Antonio Esguerra.

Philippine Champions are: Philip Tagupa, Junior Flyweight with Contenders Flor Escobido, Dan Reyes and Julius Gonsaga. Orlando Javierto, Flyweight Champion and contenders Ben Aldeguer, Al Futierrez and Daniel Pilar. Fernando Cabanela, Bantam champion and contenders Rolando Navarrete, Dommy Maralena and Sam Sacristan. Ric Quijano, Junior Featherweight champion and contenders Erning Grafe, Edwin Alarcon and Ric Moreno. Colley Saloma, Featherweight champion, with contenders Nene Jun. Baby Caga Jr. and Juanita Martinez. Leo Viajedor, Junior Lightweight champion and contender Mar Basa, Rudy Alarcon, and Ramon Elorde. Tony Jumao-as, Lightweight champion and contenders Moises Cantoja, Manny Ysrael, and Joe Lim. Solomon Garson, Junior Welterweight champion and contenders Dan de Guzman, Amie Perigrino and Rado Broncano and Ely Yares. Pedro Adigue, Welterweight champion and contenders Flash Gallego, Fel Pedranza and Gideon Toyogon. Alterto Cruz, Junior Middleweight champion and contenders Dommy Cetacte, Frisco Montemayor, and Peter Imperial.

LIM KO'S ESPINOSA IN 4TH

By FELIPE J.C. GALANG

Joe Lim, 135, kayoed Al Espinosa, 134, in the 4th round of a scheduled 10 rounds in Cebu City, promoted by Romeo Quinque. The fight was even when Joe caught Espinosa with a left and right to the jaw sending him to the canvas for good. Rolando Navarette, 116, ended the boxing career of veteran Bernabe Villacampo, former world champion, when he downed the veteran in the 2nd round of their 10 rounder. Villacampo was a mere shadow of his former self.

Nene Jun, 126, and No. 1 in the featherweight division had made an easy sailing with Tom Rico, 125, whom he kayoed in 6th round in Davao City. The card was promoted by Agustin Garcia.

Gideon Toyogon, 140, and No. 5 in the welterweight division, was too strong for Tommy Froilan, 140, and decked him in the 4th of a scheduled 10 rounds in Cavite City, promoted by Lazaro Ape.

▲**Fligan City** — Amie Peregrino, 140, leading contender for the welterweight crown had a hard time in defeating Frank Galarita, 140, 10 rounds; promoted by A. Sabayles.

▲**Cebu City** — Juanito Martinez, 124, made short work of Semie Refugio, 124; promoted by Lorenzo Sy. Manuel Tijares, 126, stopped Star Billy, 126, in 8th round of a scheduled 10.

▲**Pasig** — Ben Estallo, 124, did not have a hard time stopping Young Frankie, 124, in 6 rounds promoted by Grego Garcia.

▲**Davao City** — Johnny Agbon, 120, won a unanimous decision over Chalongsok Pornsangfa, 118, 10 rounds; promoted by Agustin Garcia.

▲Pepito Gilua, 131, leading contender in the junior lightweight division, kayoed Ricy Gayuna, 130, in 7th round; promoted by Lope Sarreal, Jr.

▲Joe Almano, 133, defeated Fred Pastor, 134, 10 rounds; promoted by Antonio Esguerra.

▲**Davao City** — Antonio Damsid, 146, beat Eddie Calingacion, 142, in 10 rounds; promoted by B. Bangoy.

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Mr. Garcia Pena has received many decorations from his country, and among them are Orden Al Merito Naval, Orden Francisco de Miranda and Orden Jose Antonio Paez.

After leaving the Navy, he took over his family business and started his progress in the Sports field. Mr. Garcia Pena is one of the most versatile authorities in baseball history in Latin America. He wrote "The History of the All Star Games," "The History of the World Series" and "A Bambino Named Ruth." He is also in the boxing promoting business in partnership with Mr. Leon and Dr. Camacho Barrios. He is also Producer for Radio Caracas TV.

DR. FRANCISCO CAMACHO BARRIOS is a lawyer and a journalist for 20 years. He is Professor of Journalism at the Central University of Caracas. Just recently Dr. Camacho won the "Premio Nacional de Periodismo" (National Journalism Award) for 1975, something like the Pulitzer Award, in Venezuela. He is a co-founder with Delio Amado Leon, of Sport Grafico whose cover won the International Award Mexico 1970. Dr. Camacho is also a syndicated columnist in most of the Spanish speaking countries of the world.

MONROE TOPS HAGLER

Willie "The Worm" Monroe, Philadelphia, hammered out a ten round decision over Marvin Hagler, Brockton, Massachusetts, in their Philadelphia middleweight bout.

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MAXIE ROSENBLOOM, RING COMIC, DIES AT 72

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Maxie outboxed Lou Nova and drew with Bob Pastor in 1938, who was later to meet Joe Louis twice, once for the world's heavyweight championship in Navin Field, Detroit, when the Brown Bomber stopped him in eleven rounds.

Only twice in his long career was Maxie knocked out. The first time by Tommy Milligan, of England, in London, in the ninth round on June 4, 1928, and the second time by Jimmy Adamick in two rounds in Detroit, Michigan, on November 19, 1937.

Considering that Rosenbloom fought nearly 300 contests, the fact that he was stopped only twice, both results unexpected, is a high tribute to his skill.

Looking over the list of fighters who were defeated by Rosenbloom, we find entries which certainly make up for those knockouts. Beaten by Maxie were James J. Braddock, who later became heavyweight champion by beating Max Baer, Mickey Walker, one of the best of all times and holder of the welterweight and middleweight crowns; Harry Greb, another Nonpariel; Young Stribling, who had a crack at Champion Max Schmeling and Tiger Flowers.

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Referees loved to be in the ring with Maxie. If Rosenbloom were winning or if he were losing, he was good for a fun night. He never took a bad fight by himself too seriously. He had a strange philosophy. He said, "I like to fight everybody, but I don't like to hurt anybody."

Rosenbloom was very close to be the theatrical fraternity, who were among his rooters no matter where he showed. For example, one night in New York, Clara Bow and Harry Richman were among the close-up ringsiders when he met George Hoffman. It was a fight that produced many a quip by Rosenbloom in the direction of his theatrical friends.

Maxie's manager all the way through his career was Frank Bachman, one of the elite of his profession.

Win, lose or draw, there always were stories about Maxie after a fight.

Rosenbloom wanted to be an actor, and on a few occasions appeared on the stage. He was in the cast of "Guys & Dolls" in Las Vegas at the Dunes Hotel, with Betty Grable and Dan Dailey, when Floyd Patterson was training for a Sonny Liston title match.

Playing in Las Vegas was never a happy occasion for the champion. He was a lover of shooting crap and never failed to leave his stage earnings in the Nevada gambling resorts.

When we had our Hour of Champions show on WHN, the two Maxies, Rosenbloom and Baer, put in many appearances. They were very funny, being opposites. Rosenbloom could be serious, but Baer, on the other hand, always was looking for laughs. They were together for a long time with an act of their own in night clubs.

There was only one Maxie Rosenbloom in boxing.

KORANICKI GRABS ALL MARBLES FROM CARTER

By JIM BUSS

Allentown, Pa. — Young Philadelphia heavyweight Mike Koranicki (202) posted his 13th win in 15 fights with a unanimous eight-round decision over veteran Harold Carter (186), Cleveland, in the feature of a seven-bout card promoted by the Lehigh Athletic Club in the Holiday Inn West ballroom.

Carter using predominantly good crisp left jabs and hooks, piled up a big lead through the first three rounds. Koranicki's nose was bloodied in the second round and bled every round thereafter.

But Carter, who seldom used his right, rarely followed up and was content with throwing one punch at a time. He was never hurt and rarely protected his head. Koranicki seemed to lack any power but threw plenty of punches to pile up points through the last four rounds when Carter appeared satisfied to coast most of the time.

The coasting obviously cost Carter the fight.

On the undercard, Luis Rodriguez (180), Bethlehem, stopped Ted Baxton (174) of Akron at 2:54 of the third round when the latter was defenseless along the ropes; Willie (Fireball) Rodriguez (135) of Allentown, Pa. halted Ron Mayberry (135) of Philadelphia with a left-right combination to the head at 2:36 of the second round; Sam Hailstock (147) of Easton, won a unanimous four-round decision over Darryl Lampkin (151), Philadelphia; Bobby Wert (159), Harrisburg, won an unpopular four-round verdict over James Phoenix (154), Philadelphia, in his pro debut; Jeremiah King (149), Philadelphia, won his pro debut on a clean knockout with a left hook to the jaw of John Gonzales (150), Harrisburg, in 2:15 of the first round and Ruben Lopez (154) of Warminster, Pa., flattened Doug Kelly (158) Philadelphia, in 48 seconds of the first round with some good body shots.

Luis Rodriguez's record is 5-1; Willie Rodriguez is 4-0; Lopez is 5-0 and Hailstock 2-0-1.

I'M THE GREATEST--BUT I'VE FOUGHT GREAT ONES TOO!

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ier I beat Archie Moore predicting round four. Jones was a top contender from New York and the Garden was packed. Jones kept me a little off stride with a sneaky right hand lead. He was smart, but I was building points. Most of the fans were there to see Jones shut my big mouth and when I didn't end it in the round I predicted, they went crazy. It was like Jones won the fight right there. I won the decision in a pretty close fight. Jones was a good fighter.

FEBRUARY 25, 1964—Sonny Liston, Miami Beach ..... KO 7
Ali-8 . . . . Liston-7

The scene was wild with this one. I was the big underdog against the champ, who was going to teach me a lesson. I acted wild at the weigh-in and "The Bear" figured I was crazy.

I was handling Liston okay when in the fourth round my eyes were burning. Something was in my eyes. After the bell I wanted to go to Liston's corner and check his gloves, but Angelo Dundee kept washing my eyes out with water. When the bell sounded, I couldn't see. Angelo yelled for me to stay away until the eyes cleared and I got on my horse.

Liston was like a raging bull. I could also tell from his heavy breathing that he was tired. As my eyes started to clear, I started regaining control. Liston didn't answer the bell for seven and I was the champ of the world.

JUNE 8, 1963—Henry Cooper, London ..... KO 5
Ali-7 . . . . Cooper-6

It was my first fight abroad and Cooper was not only European and British champ, but a real seasoned pro who could punch. I got a little careless and Cooper sent me to the canvas on the seat of my pants and I was hurt.

I somehow made it to my corner at the bell. Angie noticed that my glove was torn and asked for another one, which they didn't have. The little bit of extra time cleared my head and I took control again. Cooper was cut bad and they stopped it on cuts in the fifth.

SEPTEMBER 10, 1966—Karl Mildenberger, Frankfurt ..... KO 12
Ali-8 . . . . Mildenberger-7

He was a southpaw who gave me trouble until I could figure him out. His style was a little confusing for me, but once I started hitting him with the jab, I knew I had him. It was still a tough fight for me.

OCTOBER 26, 1970—Jerry Quarry, Atlanta ..... KO 3
Ali-8 . . . . Quarry-7

It was my first fight after three and a half years. Quarry was a tough guy for me to fight after a long layoff. I was a little rusty, but kept my jab workin. Jerry was coming all the time. I nailed him with a good sharp right hand that opened up a big gash over the eye. His corner stopped it and I was happy. I didn't know how long I could have kept that pace.

MARCH 29, 1966—George Chuvalo, Toronto ..... W 15
Ali-8 . . . . Chuvalo-6

Chuvalo was a real rock. He brawled and mauled and tried to hit me everyplace but the bottoms of my soles. He was easy to hit with the jab and I built up a good lead. I never could knock him out, not even the second time we fought in Vancouver. He made the fight very tough physically. To beat him I had to be in shape.

FEBRUARY 10, 1962—Sonny Banks, New York ..... KO 4
Ali-6 . . . . Banks-5

I was embarrassed in that one. My first fight in New York, and Banks landed a pretty good left hook that put me down. I wasn't really hurt, but wanted to look good in New York. I went to work and stopped him in the fourth.

LOPEZ AND CHACON TOP O'GRADY AND SOTELO

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"But give him a couple of years. He'll be back."

O'Grady, half a head taller at 123, won the first round when he pumped a stream of jabs and sharp combinations to the head of Lopez, 126.

Lopez (29-3 with 28 KOs) came back strong to win the second when he received a cut at the corner of his right eye. The wound failed to prove a factor in the outcome.

Lopez, who said he was hurt in the second round by the stiff-punching O'Grady, intensified his attack and nearly knocked out the 18-year-old high school senior in the fourth.

Sean sagged and slipped against the ropes while under heavy attack, and Lopez, apparently expecting a count, backed off. But referee John Thomas didn't count and Danny went in for the payoff. The bell saved the young Irishman.

Dazed and thoroughly beaten, O'Grady wandered aimlessly toward a neutral corner, then was guided back to his own. Pat O'Grady immediately signaled the end.

In a classy 10-rounder, pint sized Albert Davila, 118, Pomona, gave favored Lupe Pintor, 119, Mexico City, a boxing lesson.

It was by far Davila's best performance as a pro and he handed Pintor his first loss after 14 straight wins.

Zeffie Gonzales, 144½, Montebello, stopped Francisco Ortega, 147, Los Angeles, (3).

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STAN WARD, ON THE RISE, BEATS FOSTER

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ter, once the number two rated world heavyweight.

Ward's apprenticeship towards the title has not come only in pro bouts, but also from his extensive sparring with former world champions George Foreman and Joe Frazier. Last year Stan spent six weeks training with Frazier prior to his bout in Manila with Ali. Foreman has swapped punches, tactics and wit with Ward prior to his bouts against Ali, Lyle and others. This spring Stan is going to spend two months sparring with Ali at his Deer Lake, Pennsylvania, training camp. It's said that this is Ali's last year of boxing so it is probable that the two will never square off for the title. But the opportunity is a great one, a crash course in the art of boxing maneuvers from Muhammad Ali.

Ward is managed and trained by Jerry and Doris Jacobs. Jerry is a one time fighter with a genuine passion for the sport. Doris, who looks like a fashion model, co-manages Ward as well as other fighters. "We really believe in Stan," she says, "He's got so much ability and he wants to work each day at it. He's too good to be fed easy fights." Jerry adds with a confident tone, "We think that the fans will appreciate the fact that Stan doesn't fight stiffs. Why should he, he's ready for tough fights and within two years he'll be ready for the championship."

Many of the boxing regulars in California have thought it odd that a college graduate should be managed by such a well mannered husband and wife combination. But even those die hard old timers have now accepted the trio as a real force soon to invade the world rankings. Doris is not the stereotype cigar chewing manager, nor is Jerry your average monosyllabic manager-trainer and Stan is by no means the typical pug. But they are definitely the real thing, with their hearts in it. Doris says, "Boxing doesn't belong to any one type of person. These are modern times, everything's changing and the opportunities for success are open for everyone. Sure I'm glad to see the heads turn, but I really care about the future when the public starts getting notice of Stan. I know it's coming."

In his bout against Foster, Ward faced his toughest test. Foster, no longer the renowned contender, was still considered to possess enough ring expertise and power to trouble Stan Ward. The fight was put together by Northern California's premiere promoters Joe Gagliardi and Jim Gama of the Garden City Boxing Club. The over two thousand fans that showed up saw Ward take the fight out of Foster by the third round. After a few brutal exchanges of punches Foster decided not to mix with Ward and just slip and run and dodge his way to the final bell. Ward received a runaway decision from all three officials.

After the fight a gradified Ward said of Foster, "He's a real clever boxer, not easy to hit. He lasted fifteen rounds against Ali. I heard him groan from a left I landed in the second and after that I had to chase him the rest of the way." The win over Foster was the kind of fight someone coming up gets against a seasoned professional. Possible opponents for Ward in the future include Pedro Lovell or Chuck Wepner.

BOUDREAUX OVER O'MELIA IN 10

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The seven-tenth rounds again had O'Melia pressing and Boudreaux moving away boxing. Scoring with hard left jabs and right-left combos, Boudreaux always hit the mark, but never hurt the Irishman.

After the contest Johnny stated that hitting O'Melia in the head was like punching a brick wall. Brian stated, "I've been hit harder by light heavyweights." There was no love lost between the two battlers.

THE RING scored the bout 10-0 for the winner. Johnny could become a great fighter if he took one-step forward, instead of moving away. This may give him more punching power, which he would need if he were to box a Joe Frazier, George Foreman, Ken Norton, Larry Holmes or Muhammad Ali.

The promotors Vic Manni and Nick Anest, say the crowd was over 1,000 and better than $6,000 was grossed. The matchmaker for Sunnyside Gardens is Jack Brami.

GENE WELLS COPS DUKE FROM MEDINA

By BART RIPP

Albuquerque, N.M. — Junior middleweight contender Gene Wells of Orlando, Florida, won a unanimous decision from Tucson's Vicente Medina in a 10-round main event seen by 2982 persons at the boxing-rejuvenated Albuquerque Civic Auditorium.

The largest crowd to attend a Duke City pro card in over five years saw Wells, 156¾, avenge a draw with Medina three weeks earlier.

Referee Neffie Quintana scored the fight 97-94, while judge Richard Koslowski marked it 96-94 and judge W.F. Kitts had it 99-94, all for Wells. This corner scored it 98-94 for Wells, the No. 5 ranked junior middleweight in the world.

The usual debris greeted the decision. Wells' manager Pete Ashlock and Medina's manager Beto Martinez both agreed with the verdict.

After a slow first round and a brawling second, Wells attacked Medina savagely in the third. Wells tattooed the Tucsonian with sharp combinations to the head and hooks to the body. But then Medina knocked him down.

A short right to the jaw caught Wells with his feet crossed and he hit the canvas for a three-count. By round's end, Medina, 157½, was cut dramatically but not seriously, a large strip of skin hanging from his cheek.

Wells, now 44-6-4, commanded the rest of the fight and was never again seriously challenged by Medina.

In a scheduled 10-round lightweight match, unbeaten "Termite" Watkins of Houston improved his record to 24-0 with a knockout of San Antonio's Lamar Baskins at 1:57 of the second round.

Watkins, 140, jammed a brutal right about a foot into Baskins' breadbasket, lifting his opponent about a foot off the canvas. Baskins, 140, dropped, rolled over and was counted out.

"That punch almost went out his back," said "Termite," who wore lavender sequined trunks and scored his 18th knockout.

The first three preliminaries on promoter Paul Chavez's show were all decided by knockouts in the third round.

Light heavyweight Larry Castaneda, 172½, chilled Raul Aguirre, 165, at 1:00 of the third in a scheduled six-rounder. Aguirre, also of San Antonio, knocked the powerful Castaneda down briefly in the first round. But Larry, A Tucson construction worker, fashioned a beautiful right cross that leveled Aguirre in the third.

Albuquerque welterweight Jerry Martinez, 143, knocked out Joe Castillo, 144, Tucson, at 1:04 of the third in another scheduled six-rounder. Martinez is now being managed by Ashlock.

Bantamweight Alan Rey Senes, 127, San Antonio, forgot to bring his boxing shoes, but didn't leave his punch behind.

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SAM TAUB HONORED BY RING #8

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Arnold 'Ossie' Feldman, the other Ray Kozak, both members of Ring #8.

The trophies to the honored guests were symbolic of the feelings of Ring #8. They named Sam Taub as Mr. Sportcaster, Ray Arcel, trainer and conditioner, and Phil Terranova, for his performance as an active boxer and NBA featherweight champion.

The owners of the Carlyle Ballroom did everything to make everybody comfortable and they enjoyed the food, the drinks, and then a fine floor show.

Without question those present felt they were part of a wonderful day's session, and it would be unfair not to pay tribute to Chairman Abe Berman and his associates in making the affair a tribute to those responsible. Also, a salute to President Al Reid and the rest of Ring #8 membership, including Jerry Grieff, first vice-president, and Ray Kozak, 2nd Vice-President, Abe Berman, Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Julien N. Mayer, Financial Secretary, and Phil Rutha, Treasurer.

MARCOTTE WINS CANADIAN TITLE FROM HAFEY

By FRANK ALLNUTT

Montreal, Can. — A fine 'All Canadian' card presented by promoter Regis Levesque which featured a Canadian Middleweight championship bout between Lawrence Hafey (New Glasgow) the champion, and Fernand Marcotte Jr. (Montreal), the challenger, drew close to 6,000 fans at the Paul Sauve Arena who paid $45,220 at the turnstiles.

The fine supporting card had the fans in fine shape for the main event and both the champion and the challenger gave them a fight which will be talked about for a long time in the Montreal area.

Hafey weighed in at 151¾ and Marcotte tipped the scales four pounds heavier at 155¾. Both contestants were twenty seven years old.

Right from the initial bell it was the challenger who forced the action by stinging the defending champion with powerful left jabs which found their mark and holted Hafey's head back with a snap.

With just a minute passed in the opening round, Hafey stepped inside a left jab thrown by the challenger and connected with a powerful left hook which sliced open Marcotte's right eye.

It was a bad cut which bled profusely and by the conclusion of the round, Marcotte experienced trouble seeing.

During the intermission between rounds, Marcotte's cornermen did a first rate job on the damaged eye in the very short space of sixty seconds.

During the second round, Hafey did his best to keep the fight at long range in the hopes of inflicting more damage on his opponent's eye. Marcotte however kept in close to the champion and scored some good shots to the body. The round ended with the champion forcing the action but unable to do any further damage to the eye of Marcotte.

Round three found both contestants really warmed up to the job on hand, the champion showed great form with his bobbing and weaving, punching hard with both hands and taking over the role of aggressor.

Keeping on top of the challenger for the next two rounds it appeared at the end of five rounds that the champion was ahead and controlling the fight.

At the start of the sixth round it was Marcotte who once again started to force the action, picking off the hooks unleashed by Hafey, Marcotte started to slow down the fast pace set by the champion with powerful body punches then switching to the head to jar the champion with right hand shots to the jaw. This was a real championship bout and the fans gave long and loud ovations to both fighters at the end of each round.

By the end of round eight, Marcotte had swung the fight around in his favor, the champion however still had lots of power left in his punches but was not moving as fast as he did in the first half of the fight and was forced to fight on the retreat against the now confident challenger who was scoring well. In an effort to turn the tide of the fight in round nine, Hafey came out throwing bombs with both hands only to be met with a stubborn Marcotte who stood toe to toe with him to trade punches, how the fans loved this round, the cheering was so loud that one hardly heard the bell to end the round.

Sitting on his stool in the corner, Hafey was bent over in great pain and it was obvious that he had suffered some kind of injury.

The Commission doctor was called in and after consultation with the boxer and his cornermen it was decided that it would be unwise for Hafey to continue.

At the bell to start the tenth round the referee, Rosario Baillargeon, stepped to the centre of the ring to halt the bout and award the decision and the championship to Marcotte.

Later it was disclosed that Hafey had suffered torn cartilage and damaged rib cage which was the cause of him not being able to straighten up and giving him problems breathing. It was a most unfortunate ending to a really great championship bout, one in which both contestants gave their all.

In the semi-final, over eight rounds, Jean Claude Leclair (Montreal) 166½ and Gerald Bouchard (Quebec) 171½ staged a real war for seven rounds. Bouchard a real rugged tough fighter swarmed all over his opponent round after round, forcing him to the ropes, using the extra weight to lay on and with the elbows and open hand gave Leclair a miserable time. Swarming in at the 1:50 mark of the seventh round Bouchard was met with a devastating left hook to the chin which pole-axed him. Dropped flat on his back the Quebec fighter was long gone for the night and it took several minutes before he was able to leave the ring under his own power. This was Leclair's return to ring action after being idle for fifteen months. Marshall Butler (Montreal) 154½, made his return to Montreal rings a winning one by winning a unanimous eight round decision over Claude Gauthier (Quebec) 160.

A few times during the bout Butler showed flashes of his real boxing ability but out of action for quite some time his punches lacked any zip or power. Although the three official cards rightly had Butler a winner there were times during the bout when Gauthier gave his opponent serious moments when he nailed him with right hand shots to the head, only Butler's fast feet saved the day for him. Canada's bright middleweight prospect, Daniel Levesque (Montreal) 154½ made it seventeen wins in a row by scoring a KO over Royal Boutin (Quebec) 151¼. This was a return bout between the pair, Levesque winning the previous bout by decision. The first left hook thrown by Levesque damaged the nose of his opponent badly and before the initial round had ended Boutin was in trouble.

Taking his time during the second round the young Montreal boxer never wasted a punch, each powerful well timed blow found their mark, it was just a matter of how long Boutin could avoid the inevitable. With better than two minutes of the third round gone Boutin was dropped for an eight count by a hard left hook, shaky on his feet after the count, Levesque moved in and another left hook dropped Boutin for good. The bell to end round three did not save Boutin who was counted out. In an opening six rounder, Avadis Kassabian (Hull) 154 and Ricky Zerbatany (Montreal) boxed a lively action bout to a draw.

▲Gatineau, Que. — Gaeton Hart (Hull) scored a fifth round KO over Louis Davila (Hartford) in a scheduled ten. The end came at 1:07 of the round.

Keith Averette (Ohio) won a ten round decision over Johnny Stiff (New York).

Paul Sequin (Hull) unloaded a bomb on George Green (New York) at the 2:12 mark of the second round to score a KO in their middleweight match.

▲Toronto — Two pro bouts on a pro-am card in which the fans saw an upset when Ralph Moncrief (Cleveland) stopped Damiano Pellegrino (Toronto) at the 2:20 mark of the second round. Moncrief landed some power packed left hooks and had the local Italian fighter in a bad way when the referee stepped in and halted the bout.

In a lightweight eight, Danny Stoakes (Toronto) had to travel the distance to outpoint veteran Julio Mandell (Toronto) in a dull and uninspiring bout.

▲Gatineau, Que. — Gaeton Hart (Hull) KO'ed Leo Defiore (Portland) at the sixty second mark of the fifth round. Defiore, a veteran of some 115 pro bouts weighed 133, Hart scaled 144. Marc Gervais (Hull) returned to ring action after a six month absence to score a seventh round KO over Terry Rondeau (Albany, N.Y.). Gervais at 147 had an edge of three pounds over his opponent. Paul Sequin (Hull) scored his third straight KO by dropping Roger Phillips (Albany, N.Y.) for the count at the 55 sec. mark of the third. Sequin's pro record now stands at 14-13-1.

LICATA KNOCKED OUT BY MATEO, FRANCE, IN 8TH

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A crowd of 3,700 saw the Mateo-Licata affair, which was staged at the Novel Hippodrome, in Paris. Other results. Middleweight, Vincent Parra, France, beat Britain's Tim McHugh, who was disqualified in round six after being given a public warning for a dangerous head in rounds two and six. Junior middle Georges Warusfel, France, won his 28th bout without defeat beating American Eddie Davis, who collected a cut eye in round nine. Middleweight German based American Gene Wells, drew a six rounder with light heavyweight Alain Riviere, France.

HUGH BENBOW BACK IN THE BOXING BUSINESS

By HARLAN HAAS

Texas — Look for Hugh Benbow to be back in the boxing business by the time you read this. He already has a downtown building being remodeled to suit his specifications and the wealthy oilman-rancher reports that it will be one of the finest, if not the finest, gymnasiums in the country. Benbow just recently signed on Lee Canolito, the towering 6-5 Italian who had all the fight buffs raving as he rolled off eight consecutive amateur victories that included a one round kay of Barry Yeats (who went to the National AAU finals a couple of years ago). He followed that up by racking up several more early round knockouts. The 225-pound blockbuster could become the biggest drawing card in the history of the game down this way. As a 270-pound defensive tackle for the University of Houston, Coach Bill Yeoman said Lee could have been one of the great lineman in professional football if a knee that had been operated onstwice had held up and not forced him out of college football at the halfway mark of this past season, which was his junior year.

Sammy Musco the Omaha featherweight of the 1930's and early 1940's is now training heavyweight Cookie Wallace. Musco fought Lew Jenkins to a 10-round draw, boxed such topnotchers as Young Everett Rightmire, Nino Falzone, Jimmy Perrin, Gene Spencer, and many many others.

Corpus Christi has a wealth of talent including Texas junior welterweight king Prisciliano (Zip) Castillo, Sil Martinez, an extremely clever 140 pounder, Tino Falcon, a baby faced battler with a kayo punch, and Zeke Coronado, a brick fisted featherweight who has kayoed everyone he has faced.

The writer is glad to see Johnny Boudreaux ranked #10 in the world. The flashy boxing young heavyweight is managed by long time friend Robert Bish who has done a masterful job guiding his young charge to the front. There should be more managers in the game like Robert Bish, who alone has put his money and time behind his fighter (he is just a working guy like me and you) since Boudreaux was a mere youngster. Cheers to this working guy and best of luck to them on down the road.

Ike Fluellen, Houston's Fighting Policeman, is looking forward to a busy year. His record stands at 15-3-2. Look for this talented 160-pounder to be in several overseas fights in the next few months. He is a graduate of Sam Houston State College with a degree in Criminology, and is now with the Harris County Sheriff's Department.

Gilbert (Machete) Galvan was recent 10-round winner over Tom Pinner in an exciting fight at the Mcody Center in Galveston. . .Melvin Dennis, one-time National AAU welterweight champ, was stopped by Cyclone Hart in Philly.

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OLD BROADWAY

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Nat Kawler, from the East Side, long time member of Al Reid's Ring #8, is proud of his performances when he was a scrapper with Joe Williams as his manager. Kawler, who came to America from Poland in 1921, was born April 10, 1908. Boxed all over including Portland, Maine, New York, Massachasetts and Rhode Island. Among those whom Kawler met were Ray Miller, ex-junior lightweight champion Mike Ballerino, Bruce Flowers 4 times, Joey Kaufman 4 times, Jackie Pilkington 4 times, Stanislaus Loayza, the South American, and Jackie Brady, of Syracuse, twice. Kawler, a lightweight, saw action from 1925 to 1930. He has two children, a son and daughter, 4 grandchildren, his son affiliated with Korvette's.

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Bronzed and looking great, THE RING was happy to welcome back our Own Dan Daniel after a month's sojourn with his family in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He and his wife enjoyed their vacation. Dan managed to make several trips to Miami where he visited with the Dundees, Chris and Angelo, Moe Fleischer, who deserted New York years ago, and met many other former habitues of the Great White Way. They all sent their best to Editor-Publisher Nat Loubet and the rest of the Ring staff.

WBC'S OBED DEFENDS JR. MIDDLE CROWN

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fight, said Gardner got the bump when he fell over at a count of eight.

"At eight, he started to get up," Edison recalled. "In fact, I thought he was going to make it when he fell over backward and hit his head on two uneven boards in the ring apron. As I remember, he was out for quite a few minutes."

As for the rest of the fight, it was practically all Obed's. The champion never gave the slow-starting Gardner a chance to get his motor going and controlled the challenger with his jarring left jab.

Gardner, who saw his 23 bout winning streak snapped, got his only real harrah approximately 30 seconds into the second round when he landed a heavy right to the chin that, according to Edison, "Seemed to stun Obed."

Dundee also remembered the punch "caused a little concern" in the Obed corner. But, the excitement was all for naught when Obed landed those final three shots.

Dundee later evaluated the champion's performance by saying, "I'm thrilled with Obed's performance and have been since November 13, 1975 when he won the title. . .and even before that."

We feel both champion and challenger should be commended for their respective performances. Gardner, for the fact that he came to fight and, in Edison's observation, never took a backward step and Obed for showing in the short time the fight lasted that he is one of the hardest punching champs around, Misters Monzon, Duran and Zamora notwithstanding.

THE RING MAGAZINE recognizes Koichi Wajima, of Japan, as king of the Jr. middleweights. Wajima is also recognized by the WBA as the titleholder.

RAY SEALES TAKES ABF MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE FROM COOPER

By RUGGLES LARSON

Seattle, Washington — "Sugar" Ray Seales added the North American Boxing Federation middleweight championship to his collection of ring titles by scoring a unanimous decision over George Cooper, 160, Oakland, Ca. in a twelve rounder at the Seattle Arena. The 1972 Olympic Games gold medalist swept the first nine rounds on all score cards by landing sharp, stinging punches as Cooper was unable to sustain any type of threatening offense.

Judge John Nenezich had Seales winning 119-116, Jackie Ableman 119-115 and Frank Ramon had it 117-115. Pat McMurtry refereed the bout which drew 3,200 fans grossing $38,600.

In a wild ten rounder, Ibar Arrington of Monroe, Wa. upset previously undefeated Bruce Grandham of Dallas, Texas. The two heavyweights landed some solid punches in a brawl that produced more action than the main event.

Prelims: Larry Smith, 150, Tacoma, Wa. decisioned Darrell Penn, 151, Portland, Ore. in six rounds and Joe Gonsalvez, 160, Oakland, Ca. TKO'ed Tony Dowling, 156, Vancouver, B.C. in the second round.

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▲Portland, Oregon — The Portland Golden Gloves were highlighted with the naming of Tom Sullivan (Mt. Scott Boxing Club—Portland) as the "Golden Boy."

1976 Champions — Terry Makinson (112-Roseburg, Or), Calvin Lampkin (119-Ft. Lewis Army Base), Leo Randolph (125-Tacoma, Wa), Davey Armstrong (132-Puyallup), Steve Chase (139-Kelso, Wa), Byron Johnson (147-Eugene, Or), Mitch Mayes (156-Tacoma, Wa), Tom Sullivan (165-Portland, Or), Robert George (Hvy.-Ft. Lewis Army Base).

6 ROUND KO FOR ARRINGTON OVER BYTHEWAY

By K. NICHOLSON

Local heavyweight Ibar "Sailor" Arrington, his weight down several pounds to 187½ folowing a bout with flu, proved too strong for rival Ed Bytheway of Walla Walla. In scoring a 6 round TKO, the Sailor won over a man who had previously held him to a draw and accounted as well for Ibar's only loss in 14 fights. While the fighters seemed evenly matched in the early going, Arrington took command in the 4th and 5th rounds scoring hands-down with left and right leads and inflicting damage upon the retreating ex-inmate without a return. Bytheway, 199, was cut over one eye and declared unfit to answer for round 6.

In preliminaries, 168 lb. Les Vegas, of B.C., appeared as a substitute and closely decisioned Seattle's Willie Baldwin over 4 rounds. Baldwin, 164, was making his pro debut.

Darrell Penn, of Portland, punched, pranced and mocked his way to a victory over Steve Tohill as the Vancouver, B.C., fighter was unable to continue at the end of 5 rounds. Both weighed 154.

John L. Sullivan, of Olympia, suffered a surprising setback at the hands of Jose Gonzalves. Five pounds heavier than his opponent at 162, Oakland's Gonzalves used his right hand to open a cut over John L.'s eye causing the bout to be stopped at the end of round 3.

Arrington, with the pier-6 temperament of a brawler, tends to gain momentum as a fight progresses and seems to distain much in the orthodox way of defense. He made noises about wanting a shot at Boone Kirkman at the bout's end, though more conservative plans are to match him with Irish Pat Duncan in his next local appearance. The Sailor appears not to lack, at any rate, for willingness and enthusiasm.

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STRACEY KO'S LEWIS IN 10 TO DEFEND WELTER TITLE

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the first three rounds. He gave it his best. Lewis scored to the body of Stracey with his best weapon, a left hook. He could do nothing with his right. John kept him at bay with a stiff left jab.

The turning point of the contest was the fourth round. As Lewis began to slow down, Stracey started to score with sharp rights behind his good left jab. Hedgemon was not strong enough to keep the Englishman off.

From the sixth on, the contest was all Stracey. The only thing in doubt was how much stamina the 3-1 under-dog had to draw on. Lewis was hurt badly in the ninth round, Stracey scored with good right hands to the head which had Lewis out on his feet. The bell saved him from a kayo.

The tenth round was no better. Lewis came out flat footed with no attack at all. The champion saw this and went in for the kill. Referee Harry Gibbs then stepped in to save Lewis from being hurt and stopped the affair in the early moments of the tenth round.

Where does Stracey go from here? Well there is talk of a bout with Canada's Clyde Gray. Gray also lost to Napoles and to the W.B.A. welterweight king, Puerto Rico's Angel Espada. Others mentioned are Carlos Palomino, Los Angeles, and Bruno Arcari, Italy, if he could make the weight.

DeBARROS OVER CAMARO

By DON HAMILL

After a slow start for 1976 professional boxing seems to have picked up with five shows being slated over an eleven day period. Some of the shows are covered here and others post-date the deadline. One of the shows, a heavyweight battle between Ricky Wynn of Norton and Charley Boston of Norfolk, Va., set for the Boston Arena, was cancelled when the building could not be used. Reportedly the new owners had not complied with some safety standards. The shows for the month are as follows:

▲**WATERBURY Armory** — Vinnie DeBarros, 138, Waterbury, racked up another win in his quest for a rematch with his antagonist, Luis Davila, of Hartford, by taking a unanimous ten round decision over lanky Ricky Camaro, 138, North Easton. Camaro's defensive tactics took much of the lustre from the bout. As a result, DeBarros' efforts were frustrated and the fans were not any too pleased with the lack of action.

Dick Ecklund, 143, Lowell, used a pair of fast hand to whip Charley Benjamin, 144, Hartford, in hte six round semi-final. Randy Milton, 144, Bridgeport, had too much class for Sergio Romero, 143, New York, and captured a unanimous duke after six heats. D. C. Walker, 158, Hartford, scored an upset six round unanimous decision over Jesse Bender, 157, New Haven. In the four round opener, Ronnie Maeweather, 136, Newark, edged out a split decision over Nico Marquez, 136, New York.

▲**PORTLAND** — Exposition Building, Pete Riccitelli, 184½, Portland, launched a comeback by halting his fellow-townsman, Tim Flaherty, 188, in the second round. The bout was for the Maine heavyweight title. Pete, long a favorite with Portland fans drew 2000 into the Expo building. Riccitelli methodically "executed" his foe, who had dropped him in an exhibition in Augusta a few weeks ago. Flaherty was on the floor twice in the first round with sharp rights to the chin. Pete decked him three more times in the second before Referee Pete Bennett wisely called a halt. The three knockdown rule was waived.

Leo DiFiore, 131, Portland, also on the comeback trail unleased some of his old punching power to gain a TKO over Francesco Maldonado, 129½, Lowell, in the sixth round. Leo unloaded a heavy body attack on the stylish Madonado who was unable to answer the bell for the sixth round because of a broken tooth and badly cut lip. Two bouts involving women boxers were on the card. Marion (Tygar) Trimar, 145, now listed as from Waterbury (she fought there once) stopped Margie Dunson, 148, Portland (?), in the fourth round. Gwen Hibbler, 142½, New York, boxed a three round exhibition with Kathy Davis, 140, Hopewell, two amateur bouts opened the show.

▲**NORTH PROVIDENCE ARENA** — Danny Tratzinski, 122, Brockton, caught up with an elusive Billy Wade, 125, New York, and scored with left hooks to knockout the New Yorker. Wade was a poor last minute substitute and never in contention. A small crowd turned out to see the Joe Celletti-Abe Ford promotion. The appearance of women on a boxing card for the first time in Rhode Island failed to bring out even the curious.

John Harris, 160, Hartford, scored a fifth round knockout over D. C. Walker, 155, New Haven, in a good bout. Both are inmates at the Somers, Ct. Correstional Institution. Gwen Hibbler, 142, New York, gained a split decision in a good bout with Marion Trimiar, 140, New York, in four rounds. Yvonne Barkley, 140, New York, edged her fellowtownsman. Sylvia Gadsden, 140, New York, also by a split decision in only a fair bout. In the six round opener, Randy Milton, 140, Bridgeport, outboxed a willing Marcelino Alicea, 140, Holyoke, in a pleasing scrap.

▲**BOSTON**-W.N.A.C.-TV, CHANNEL 7, STUDIO — Tony Petronelli, 139, East Bridgewater, successfully defended his North American junior welterweight championship against Gaeton Hart, 139, Ottawa, Ont. Hart on St. Patrick's Day was billed as Irish Jerry Hart. Petronelli kept on top of Hart during the early going to build up a lead. The sharp punching Canadian lightweight king closed the gap with fast punching during the middle rounds. Late in the eleventh round Petronelli shook Hart and in the twelfth and final heat poured on a savage attack. Once he had his opponent hurt he never let up until he had Hart sprawled on the canvas. A left hook to the chin put him down for the full count.

Only two four round bouts rounded out the card. The show was staged in the TV studio with a small audience in attendance. The four rounders were taped with the consideration of showing them if the main event ended too early and too much allotted television time was left. In the fours: an aggressive Carlos Garcia, 145, Norfolk and Worcester, outhustled Tony Lopes, 145, Brockton, to gain a split decision; and Billy Duquette, 162, Brockton, atoned for a defeat at the hands of Joe Houston, 162, Lowell, by scoring two first round knockdowns and outlasting Houston in a bruising battle.

Carlos Garcia began boxing as a featherweight in 1967 and campaigned until 1970. He fought under the name of Jose Garcia and came out of Worcester. In 1973 he launched a comeback as a welterweight. He boxed then under his own name of Carlos. He had become an inmate at the Norfolk, Massachusetts Minimal Security Correctional Institute. . . .The handlers of the girl boxers should try to take some of the burlesque out of their appearances. The girls are mostly all from New York City but they are billed as from such New England cities as Portland, Springfield, Waterbury, Providence, Attleboro, and Easton, Mass. They are also guilty of constantly changing the spelling of their names ever so slightly. One Gwen Hibbler appeared in Waterbury as Gwen Gemini of Springfield. WHY????

ROCKY SMITH POUNDS OUT SPLIT DECISION AGAINST "BUBBA" THOMPSON

By TOM RAY

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Rocky Smith, Midwest City's bullish featherweight, used a strong body attack to pound out a ten round split decision over talented bantamweight Al "Bubba" Thompson of Tulsa at the Red Carpet Inn here recently.

The contest marked Smith's first over the ten round distance, but it failed to show as the Midwest Cityan came on strong in the final rounds, outpunching Thompson, 2-1.

Smith started slowly in the early rounds, and Thompson was able to land countless overhand rights to the head, marking both of Rocky's eyes and stunning him on at least two occasions.

Yet by the fifth, Smith began to get warmed up and launched his body attack. A right uppercut under the heart hurt Thompson in that session and allowed the rock throwing "Midwest City Mauler" to take control.

Over the next four rounds, Smith's body banging slowed Thompson down to a walk and forced him to fight in splurts only. Smith, on the other hand, threw punches for three minutes of every round, giving him the winning edge.

Referee James Williamson and judge Robert Keel scored the fight for Smith while my dad, judge Tom Ray, Sr., voted for Thompson. I scored it, by rounds, for Smith 6-4.

A "feature" preliminary, scheduled for over four rounds, saw Harvey Arnold, Dallas jr. welterweight, halt hapless middleweight Rocky Mathews, Wellston, in the third round of a disappointing mis-match.

In another four rounder, heavyweight George Palmer, former Oklahoma State varsity football player, won a fight he possibly should have lost by disqualification when he stopped Louis "Piggy" Brown, of Okmulgee, in the second round.

Palmer, down himself in the first round, seemed to deliberately hit Brown TWICE on both of the Okmulgee battler's trips to the canvas before referee Bob Keel stopped the slugfest. However, Keel failed to disqualify or even warn Palmer for his blatant disregard of the rules.

In the card's curtain opener, popular middleweight Wayne Lewis, of Midwest City, won a four round split decision over light-heavyweight Don Masterson of Muskogee.

▲**OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.**—Undefeated Texan Harvey Arnold ran his record to 13 straight by scoring a third round knockout over veteran Simmie Black of Memphis in a ten round jr. welterweight main event at the Red Carpet Inn.

The bout marked the second meeting between the pair. Last summer, the two met in a six rounder here in the city with Arnold appearing to be a lucky winner on a split decision.

The rematch proved to be rocka rock throwing battle from the outset. The Memphis scrapper started strong by setting the pace, moving into flurry, and then getting out before Arnold was set to counter.

It continued that way over the first two rounds, but in the third, Arnold picked up the pace and about half way through the round connected with a right to the body that dropped Black and appeared to take the fight out of him. Another right at the bell again dropped Black.

Simmie managed one final flurry at the beginning of the fourth, but it was all for naught as another right to the body set him on the canvas for the count at 1:52 of the round.

In a pair of four round middleweight contests, two Midwest City youngsters came away winners as Joltin' Joe Parsons decisioned Terry Mosier of Oklahoma City and talented Wayne Lewis outfoxed Rocky Mathews of Wellston to win on a unanimous vote.

▲**BLACKWELL, OKLA**—Along with former light-heavyweight contender Brian Kelly, I had the pleasure of refereeing the Oklahoma State Golden Gloves Championships held here recently.

Teams from two states competed with cities like Tulsa, Chillocco, Guymon, Midwest City, Wichita, and, of course, Blackwell represented.

The winners are too numerous to mention, but some of the special award winners were 112 pound novice Jerry Magdaleno, Wichita, who took the Outstanding Boxer Trophy and Chris Melugin, also of Wichita, who garnered the sportsmanship prize. Midwest City won the team trophy.

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BETHEA GETS NOD, BUT REPORTER PICKS DOUGLAS

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Most felt that Wells should have gotten a draw. The scoring was 5-4-1; 6-4 and 5-3-2 all for Rossman. I scored it 6-4 Rossman.

Brooklyn's Dom Monaco kept on coming and scoring with rights to the head and body of New York's Eduardo Santiago, 132. Monaco, 135, landed the biggest blow of the fight in the fifth round. He staggered Santiago with a straight right to the jaw.

Eduardo seemed to settle on jabbing in hope of halting the more aggressive Monaco. They both boxed a 10 round draw in an earlier bout. All three officials and myself called the contest for Monaco.

Little Casey Gacic, 164, Akron, Ohio, scored a minor upset when he held local New Jersey hero Christy Elliott, 165, to an unpopular draw. Gacic, who just came off another unpopular draw against none other than Mike Rossman, came to fight. He scored the most punches, but did little damage. He can't break an egg, as they say. But Elliott just couldn't get off as the man from Ohio, who looks more like a bookkeeper than a boxer, kept waving his fist in front of him. The scoring was as follows: two judges called it 5-4-1, one for Elliott, other for Gacic. Referee Tony Perez scored it 5-5. I scored it 6-4 Gacic.

Eddie Gregory, New York, 167, made his debut as a light heavy with a seven round knockout over Mexican Hildo Silva, 168. This was a dull contest until the seventh, when Gregory caught Silva with a right to the head and a left to the body, which put the Mexican down. Poor judgement on Silva's part, he got up, only to be tagged with a right to the jaw. Hildo was down and out for 5 minutes, and should look for another profession.

A crowd of some 6,620 came out to witness this dull evening. They paid $51,931 hard earned dollars.

WAJIMA AND SORAMACHI SCORE TITLE BATTLES

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

Tokyo, Japan — Major title contests took place here, and Japanese fighters fought well to capture a world title and retain an Orient crown. Koichi Wajima, 33-year-old underdog, scored an upset 15th round knockout over Jae Do Yuh, Korea, and regain the junior middleweight laurels at Nihon Univ. Auditorium.

Against expectation, Wajima put on aggressive action to dominate the contest. A solid right collapsed Yuh for the count.

Slick-punching Ryu Sorimachi outpunched Pedro Adigue who had tabbed an opening round kayo over Wajima, keeping his Orient welter leadership in 12 sharp frames. Newly crowned flyweight titlist Kenji Kato failed in his first defense in losing to Tsutomu Igarashi in 10 rounds.

Lefty Hiroshi Hikichi showed experience in defeating Sanshiro Higo, retaining the national junior middleweight crown in 10 heats.

Crafty Sorimachi, 147 pounds, dropped Adigue for a compulsory eight count with a short right shot in the second round, dominated the contest and won a unanimous decision in 12 hot rounds.

The sensational card drew some 1300 customers at Korakuen Hall, where the crowd witnessed Ryu's superiority in ring generalship.

In round two Adigue missed a roundhouse left, then Ryu punched sharply enough to deck the Filipino. Cooly did the Japanese counterpunch Adigue, while the latter had no opportunity to catch the defending champ.

The difference in speed and skills accounted for the onesided proceedings. The loser who suffered the 10th setback against 54 wins and four draws entered the ring at 146½. It was Sorimachi's 48th victory against 9 losses and four draws.

▲A dual tenner entertained plenty of fight fans at Korakuen Hall due to an upset result. Rising Kenji Kato, who seized the national flyweight crown with a second round kayo from veteran Osamu Haba lost to Tsutomu Igarashi in 10 speedy rounds.

Igarashi whose previous record was not so impressive, 11-10-5, with four kayos, amazed ringsiders with aggressive punching all the way.

Kenji, pupil of female manager Haru Nagano, was unable to show his usual zip and combination to say a farewell to the title. They scaled at 111½ each.

In another 10 Shoji Oguma, lefty puncher at 113 pounds, registered four consecutive kayos since being dethroned by Miguel Canto, Mexico, as he sank a heavier opponent named Dommy Malorena, Philippines, in the tenth and final session.

Dommy, who weighed four pounds heavier than the ex-WBC leader, endured an incessant storm and fought back better than expected. However, lefty Oguma's solid combo made the import go down and out.

The loser showed exhaustion in the fatal canto, when the Japanese still punched his opponent with strong leather.

It may be a problem whether Oguma could catch such a fast-moving hombre as Canto to score with his vaunted smashing left. If he could, Oguma would be the second Nipponese to regain the 112-pound class title after Hiroyuki Ebihara, who recaptured the crown via a 15-round decision from Brazil's Jose Sevelino five years after his title being wrested by Pone Kingpetch in 1964.

▲In his first defense Hiroshi Hikichi showed a superior rally in beating Sanshiro Higo who had turned pro after more than one hundred contests and previously remained undefeated since his debut. A decision after 10 well-fought rounds went to the defending champ who had copped the national junior middleweight leadership from younger left hander Kenji Shibata in his previous upset to. This card happened at Korakuen Hall, gathering 1500 spectators.

▲After Big Yamryu relinquished his lightweight title to the JBC due to a disease, an eliminator was staged by topnotchers and Yasuji Yajima won the vacant crown by a decision from Jumbo Nakatsuka in ten rounds last winter. But Yajima was obliged to fight the former champ, if the latter recovered from illness, because of an order of the Japanese Boxing Commission. Yajima, piloted by ex-feather titlist Mitsunori Seki, managed to outscore Yamaryu, scrappy guy, in 10 frames at Korakuen Hall. Yajima's finer ringcraft dominated the contest for all Yamaryu's awkward rally.

▲Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium witnessed a local favorite named Junichi Ohkubo defeat Rudy Alarcon by a decision in 10 rounds.

The Filipino, who once decked a TKO win from Kazuyoshi Kanzawa, then rated bantamweight, years ago and is scheduled to meet Yoshio Apollo for the Orient title failed to display his expected strong power. Junichi, former local Shinjin-o winner, threw sharper one-twos to earn a verdict before plenty of adherents.

▲Badly defeated by Rodolfo Martinez in 15 lopsided rounds in October, Takeshi (Hisami) Numata engaged in a first encounter on a comeback trail and retained the national bantam title from Seiichi Watanuki in 10.

The loser also stood up from a severe KO loss by Yum Dong Kyum, Korea's Orient junior feather titlist, last year, but could not send his favorite combo at the deft champ. Numata displayed a fast mobility all the way to be in command so as to gain a decision.

▲An annual Shinjin-o tournament came to an end, and its final competitions were fought at Kanaoka Gymnasium, Sakai City near Osaka.

Winners from Eastern Japan District dominated the meetings with those from Western and Central ones by winning in eight classes of ten.

The promising rookies who passed the Gate of Champions were as follows: Junior fly, Ryuji Iwamoto; fly, Hiroyuki Kanda; bantam, Shuichi Isokami; Junior feather, Hiroyuki Iwamoto; feather, Kazuhiko Sasaki; junior light, Yoshihiro Hattori who was awarded Best Shinjin-o Trophy; light, Masahiro Kato; junior welter, Shoichi Kumada; welter, Kiichi Momohara; middle, Minoru Ono.

Africa reported that Japan's Flipper Uehara suffered a TKO by David Kotey in the latter's first defense in Ghana.

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HEAVYWEIGHT HOPEFUL, SCOTT LeDOUX

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Bobick, Scott has continued to badger Rodney's brother Duane Bobick in an attempt to intimidate him into a fight. Scott's remarks and intimidations have a marked effect upon Duane's appearance and attitude in public. While the promoters continue to talk about the fight, so far Eddy Futch, Duane's manager, has failed to commit himself to a fight that is believed by all fans in Minnesota to be one that would set new gate records.

Scott is confident that he can defeat Duane with more ease than he did away with Duane's brother Rodney. Scott is convinced that Duane has not been put to the test of ever having had to take a good punch except in his loss in the Olympics.

Scott says that after he disposes of Duane Bobick he wants another opportunity to meet Ken Norton. He claims that Norton ducked out of two fights that were scheduled with him, one in December 1975, in Nassau Stadium, New York, and one in January 1976 in Las Vegas. In his boastful public manner, Scott tells all listeners that Ken Norton refused to finish the public 5 round sparring session they had scheduled prior to coheadlining a card last spring in St. Paul, Minnesota. According to Scott, after the third round, he was asked to leave the ring because he was out classing Norton. The following day in public, Scott went virtually berserk when Norton refused to workout with him in public before Scott's hometown fans in downtown Minneapolis where approximately 3,000 noon hour fans had come to observe the workouts.

In his positive manner, Scott is avowed to continue his one man campaign to egg both Bobick and Norton into entering the ring with him and stop avoiding him.

When asked what he would do if he were successful in beating Norton, Scott replies: "Then I would be in a position for the 'big one' with Ali. I am stronger, handsomer and can out talk Ali. When I go to work on him with my 'motor mouth' Ali will probably dodge me like Bobick and Norton have been doing. You know, I often feel that maybe I shouldn't be talking so much. Sometimes I feel that I am hurting myself financially by scaring opponents with my mouth. If Bobick or Norton think that they can close it, they have an open invitation. I'm really looking forward to meeting them both. I am not very patient, but am confident that I will get them both sooner or later, as they can't continue to dodge me much longer."

Scott's record has proved him to be very good. In the coming year his dedication, training, durability, intelligence, agility and power should clearly establish him as an outstanding heavyweight.

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Walker and his manager contend that the first loss to Everett was a bad call and would welcome a return go to settle the score.

Like many other fighters these days, Walker feels hampered by the lack of regular fight shows. Walker is training steadily and hopes to be fighting shortly at the D.C. National Guard Armory and the Capital Centre.

Away from Boxing, Blue now lives a quiet life with wife Rina, a government employee, and sons Ronnie, 6, Rodney, 4, and Timothy, 1.

Blue is especially fortunate in training at Finley's because of the presence of other top fighters such as Johnny Gant (No. 9 World welterweight), Mike Baker (U.S. Junior Middleweight champ), Ralph Palladin and others. Often, Blue spars several times a week with Gant, who he once idolized as a teenager.

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THE BRITISH ISLES

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pressure, and he was well on top in the last two sessions.

Lawrence Devanney, Bradford, 132½, outpointed Delvin White, Tottenham, 135, by 60-58 over six twos, but White was always in contention, and the crowd applauded as they fought it out toe-to-toe.

▲National Sporting Club, London — Former British featherweight champion Tommy Glencross, Glasgow, 134½, had little difficulty in outpointing Barton McAllister, Clapham, 138, by 79½-77½.

Southpaw Glencross was able to take it fairly comfortably, but incurred warnings for kidney punching and low blows. Yet Mac was never in trouble, and it wasn't until the final round that Glencross produced a grandstand finish to put the issue beyond doubt.

Tommy Joyce, Mexborough, 151½, outscored Yotham Kunda, 148¼, by 80-78 over eight twos, not losing a round.

Joyce jabbed accurately with his right, and try as he did, Kunda could make no impression as he came forward in a bout that was devoid of incident.

It was debutant against come-back as Kevin Doherty, West Ham, 134½, beat Joey Anastacio, Liverpool, 137, who had been inactive for over two years.

The bout was stopped in the fourth after Joey had been decked three times. The Doherty left hook did most of the damage.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, London — Former British light-welter champ Des Morrison, St. Ives, 142, beat Tom Imrie, Balham, 146½, the referee intervening in the fifth after Imrie had been decked.

Morrison was content to bide his time. He jabbed accurately, Imrie's nose bled in the first round, and Des allowed his opponent to come forward in order to pick him off without too much trouble.

One right handsin the second seemed to shake Imrie momentarily, which prompted Morrison to stop retreating and throw more right crosses. Again in the fourth Imrie looked shaken by a right uppercut, and the latter had a mark above his left eye.

Morrison continued to jab, and with greater speed, until in the fifth he threw a succession of rights to the head culminating in a right uppercut that floored Imrie. The latter was now cut over the left eye, and looked in bad shape as he rose, when referee Harry Gibbs intervened.

It was suggested afterwards that Imrie might have had trouble in making the weight, but Imrie denied this, and Morrison deserves full credit for his performance.

Roger Maxwell, Humberside, 165, outpointed Batman Austin, Tottenham, 164, over eight by 80-77, not losing a round. Some fans tossed in nobbins at the end of a gruelling bout, in which Austin gave his usual plucky display and put in a good final round in which Maxwell's nose bled.

Vernon Scott, Willesden, 173½, beat George Gray, Bradford, 180, who was retired by his corner at the end of the fifth because of a cut on his left eyebrow. Unlucky for Gray, who was the victim of a clash of heads.

In a previous meeting Scott won on points.

Les Wint, Tottenham, 150, outscored Martin Lewis, Colchester, 147, over six by 59½-58½. Wint was the more accurate, and Lewis's nose bled from the third.

▲Neptunes Palace, Caister — Mickey Flynn, Manchester, 148, outpointed substitute Terry Schofield, Bishop Auckland, 149, over eight by 79-77, a scoreline that looked just right.

Southpaw Flynn punched too often for his plucky opponent, and Schofield was decked in the fifth from a right to the chin. He was again on the canvas in the seventh, and the decision was a formality.

Dave Tuohey, Leeds, 127½, narrowly outpointed Andy Dane, Peterborough, 126, over six by 59½-59. Tuohey thus confirmed a previous win and brought his current winning run to five. A gruelling bout, with both bleeding from the nose.

Jim Moore, Bradford, 153½, easily outpointed Alan Bursey, Bournemouth, 155½, by 60-57½, over six twos, not losing a round. Apart from being briefly decked at the end of the second Moore was in complete control.

Carlton Lyons, Manchester, 155, outpointed substitute Mickey Evans, Bournemouth, 154, over six twos by 60-57, winning every round. It was the third time Lyons had beaten Evans.

▲St. Andrews Sporting Club, Glasgow — John Gillan, Aberdeen, 138, easily outscored Jim Montague, Belfast, 144, the latter getting only a share of one round in the 80-76½ scoreline.

Gillan was too fast for his southpaw opponent, and was able to jab and move away at will. Montague incurred a censure for "butting" at the end of the second, and failed to use his weight to advantage.

Bad luck for Gillan in the final session, when he was cut by the left eye, just as the bell ended the fight, the injury requiring three stitches.

Nel McLoughlin, Derry, 115, beat Tony Kerr, Aberdeen, 120, the bout being stopped when Kerr was cut over the left eye after a clash of heads. Kerr was disappointed, there being nothing in it at this stage.

Willie Booth, Airdrie, 137¼, outscored Kenny Matthews, West Ham, 129, over six by 59½-58½. Southpaw Booth showed aggression and Matthews did not take full advantage of his superior reach and height. It was the latter's first defeat in eight bouts.

Debutant George Peacock, Greenock, 138, outpointed Kevin Doherty, West Ham, 136, over six by 59½-58½. Peacock showed superior skill against an opponent who kept coming forward.

▲Great International Sporting Club, Nottingham — There isn't another country in the world where the fans show their appreciation in actual cash, by throwing it into the ring, as much as they do in Britain. The sum of £17 was the reward for Colin Powers, Paddington, 138, and Danny Fearon, Liverpool, 137¾, with Power getting the eight-rounds verdict by 79-77.

Powers thus kept his unbeaten record, a good performance considering he injured his left hand in the very first round. Fearon is a southpaw, which made things easier for Powers to get home with his sound right hand.

John Breen, Belfast, 166, gained an eight-rounds points win over Peter Mullens, Wolverhampton, 158, by the narrow margin of 78½-78. Mullens did well considering he had been inactive for sixteen months.

Ray Cattouse, Balham, 137, sensationally kayoed Paddy Moore, Belfast, 138, in 95 seconds. A right to the chin did the trick.

Pat Thompson, Liverpool, 178, easily outscored Glenroy Taylor, Paddington, 174¾, over six by 60-57½, not losing a round. Taylor nullified all Thompson's efforts to stop him by hanging on like grim death, for which he was warned on several occasions.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, London — Vernon Scott, Hackney, 167½, outpointed Alec Tompkins, West Ham, 165, over eight by 80-77½, not losing a round.

It was Scott's first essay over the eight threes route, and he paced the fight beautifully, having his opponent in trouble on one or two occasions. Tompkins could not fathom the Scott jab, although he never gave up trying.

Clive Davidson, Peckham, 158, made it 2-1 against Pat Brogan, Crewe, 161, outpointing him by 79½-78½ over eight twos. Brogan started in promising fashion, forcing the issue, but Davidson gradually took over.

Mick Minter, Crawley, 154, gained a points win over Les Wint, Tottenham, 149, a close one of 59-58½ after six twos. Minter was marked around the eyes and his nose bled. He took the early rounds, but Wint came into his own in the latter half, and not everyone agreed with the verdict.

Dave Mullings, Tottenham, 174, outscored Alan Butters, Southampton, 186½, by 60-58 over six twos. A hectic scrap, with southpaw Butters weakening in the later stages, only to put in a grandstand finish.

▲Carousel Club, Manchester — Sean Reilly, Manchester, 199, drew with Terry Mintus, Leeds, 197, over eight twos. Reilly started in promising fashion, but Mintus caught up with him in the later part of the fight, and Reilly tired and was floored briefly in the final session.

Danny McLoughlin, Manchester, 176, outscored Tony Monaghan, Derry, 176½, over six by 59-58½. Substitute Monaghan was decked in the third, which could have been the deciding factor.

Dave Wraxall, Manchester, 131, outpointed Lawrence Devanney, Bradford, 130, over six good rounds by 59½-58½. Wraxall was the busier.

John Depledge, Leeds, 212, gained a six rounds points win over George Davies, Manchester, 203, by 59-58.

▲Manor Place Baths, London — Proceeds from this Paddy Byrne went to the London Ex-Boxers Association, and a replica Lonsdale Belt was presented to Johnny Curley, at 78 the oldest living British ex-champion, and a Vice-President of LEBA.

Albert Hillman, Orpington, 154, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing substitute Jim Moore, Bradford, 153, over eight by 79-78.

A comfortable win, but Moore's unorthodox tactics sometimes puzzled him. Hillman afterwards blamed a recent cold for not being at his peak.

Martin Galleozzie, Merthyr, 134¼, beat Johnny Claydon, West Ham, 136¾, the bout being stopped at the end of the fourth when Claydon was cut over the left eye.

There was little in it at that stage.

Roy Commosioung, Luton, 149, was adjudged to have outpointed Paul Davis, West Ham, 150, by 79-78 over eight, but from the demonstration afterwards it looked as if the referee was the only one, possibly apart from Commosioung and his most ardent fans, who thought Roy deserved his victory.

Davis had won his nine previous bouts, and was obviously disappointed at losing his record in this manner. Although being cut under the left eye in the fifth, he always seemed the cleaner and more accurate puncher, his footwork, too, being superior.

Don Aagesen, Birmingham, 127, outscored Wally Angliss, 125¼, over six by the narrow margin of 59-58½, over six. These two punched away for round after round, yet only Angliss was down, and he rose immediately. A crowd-pleaser.

Debutant Johnny Hamm, Basildon, 151, just outscored Derek Gardner, Croydon, 148, by 59-58½ over six twos, with the fans enjoying their efforts. Very close, this one.

▲National Sporting Club, London — Henry Rhiney, Luton, 149½, impressed in outpointing Mickey Flynn, Manchester, 150½, over eight by 79-77½.

Southpaw Flynn was warned for misuse of the head and for laying on, but kept on trying, and landed one left to the chin in the third that shook Rhiney momentarily.

Apart from this brief success, Rhiney was in control, varying his attack well and scoring frequently in the later stages with right uppercuts.

Tommy Joyce, Mexborough, 149, outpointed Mickey Ryce, Abingdon, 148½, over eight by 79½-78½, a delighted audience contributing £8 in nobbins.

Southpaw Joyce jabbed his way to victory, overcoming the handicap of a cut on the right eyebrow in the second round. This gave Ryce the opportunity to get in close, but he never really took advantage of his opportunities.

Steve Elliston, Bermondsey, 125¾, kayoed southpaw Roger Doyle, Bedford, 130, in the opening session—time 1 min. 39 sec.

Doyle was decked twice before the knockout. Nice going by Elliston, whose second fight this was after a five-years lay-off.

Another nobbins bout (£15) saw debutant Peter Neill, Abingdon, 146, beat Michael Copp, Swansea, 150¼, the referee intervening with six seconds remaining of the sixth and final round.

Copp contested this one strongly. Just as Neill looked to have it sewn up in the two previous rounds Copp came back each time with renewed vigor, only to wilt in the last session.

▲Second City Sporting Club, Birmingham — Tony Allen, Birmingham, 177, outscored Dave Parris, Tottenham, 183, over eight by 80-75½, thus winning every round.

Although bruised around the left eye, Parris remained on his feet, and did well for a substitute. Allen came in for some criticism for not being able to, or seemingly not bothered about stopping his man, but he said afterwards that he had been weakened by influenza.

Seventh in a row for Von Reid, Birmingham, 138, who kayoed Ray Murray, Manchester, 143½, in the second after decking him three times.

Godfrey Butler, Birmingham, 132, outpointed Graham Laybourn, Barnsley, 131, over six twos by 60-57½, not losing a round. Laybourn's best round was the last, when Butler looked a bit weary.

HAFEY KO's MORENO IN 10

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7-4, and judge Rudy Jordan, 7-5. There was a good sized turnout of 6100, who contributed to a gate of $36,877.

Jose del Rio, 121½, Mexico City, KO over Alex Lopez, 125, (5); Francisco Flores, 127½, Los Angeles, KO over Martin Avila, 126½, Mexico, (2); Roberto Prieto, 139, Los Angeles, KO over Ray Gonzalez, 138½, Montebello, (2).

▲SAN JOSE—Heavyweights Stan Ward and Mac Foster hooked up in a pleasing 10-rounder at Civic Auditorium. Ward, 228, proved to be the better boxer and was rewarded with the decision.

The Sacramento boxer built up an early lead that Foster couldn't overcome. Big Mac, who was once a serious contender and boxed Muhammad Ali in Tokyo, weighed 232.

Hildo Silva, 168½, San Diego, and Karl Vinson, 165½, Sacramento, drew in a companion 10-rounder. The gate was $3,998. Joe Gagilardi was the promoter.

▲SAN BERNARDINO—Javier Muniz, 136½, Montebello, the younger brother of welterweight Armando, took charge of his 10-rounder with Gene Prado, 137, Los Angeles, at the mid way point.

Muniz proceeded to finish with a rush to win the decision. The show was held at the Arena and under the promotion of ex-bantamweight contender Jesus Pimentel.

Seco Luna, 122, Los Angeles, and Jose Del Rio, 121, Mexico City, technical draw (5); Chris Gonzales, 146½, Montebello, dec. over Tosh Nambu, 146½, Tokyo, (6).

The gate was $3130, which meant Senor Pimentel had a financial winner.

▲LOS ANGELES—Sharp shooting Ronnie McGarvey, 125½, Baltimore, scored a mild upset in decisioning Gerardo Aceves, 127, Mexico City, at the Olympic Auditorium.

The southpaw Irishman was just too much the master boxer for the highly touted Mexican, who had been in the World Boxing Council featherweight ratings.

For McGarvey, who decked Aceves in the third round, it was win number 30 without a loss. For Aceves, it was his first setback after 19 victories.

The crowd numbered 2000. The gate, $4313.

Mohammed Makloufi, 137, Tunis, dec. over Jose Luis Lopez, 136, Los Angeles, (4); Hector Garcia, 130, East Los Angeles, KO over Joe Lopez, 130, Mexico, (4).

PHIL ROSENBERG, EX-BANTAM CHAMP, DECEASED AT 73

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Martin in the Fourth Avenue Garden on March 20, 1925. Rosenberg never lost the crown officially, his title being declared vacant after he beat Bushy Graham in the same arena, on February 4, 1927, because he failed to make the weight. Phil continued boxing and quit the ring for good after gaining a ten round decision over Johnny Dundee, former feather and junior lightweight king.

Phillie was a frequent visitor when Jack Dempsey had his restaurant on Broadway, in the Brill Building.

The over-all record of Rosenberg showed him participating in 64 fights, winning 28 on points, 7 via kayos and 1 on a foul. He had 6 no decisions, lost 14 decisions, 1 on a foul. He never was stopped.

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